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BROKEN CABLE ON THE R.101.

Possible Cause of the Airship Disaster.

ONLY ONE TRIAL FLIGHT

Rugby, Yesterday.
In his opening speech to-day at the public inquiry into the R.101 disaster, which he had not concluded when the court adjourned until to-morrow, the Attorney General, Sir William Jowitt, said that every possible factor which could throw light on the tragedy would be brought out publicly. He mentioned that among the documents to be produced was a report prepared for the Imperial Conference by the late Lord Thomson. It was a secret document, but he had obtained special permission to hand a copy of it to the court and to read material passages from it. He added, "Departmental letters and departmental minutes are always most jealously guarded. But I have thought it right, without making any precedent, to put before you and the public every scrap of documentary evidence which exists. Whether that evidence exists in the files of the Air Ministry or any other quarter I propose to put it before you and make it public."

Moving Reference.

Moving reference to the R.101 disaster was made early in the proceedings of the House of Commons this afternoon. Speaking after an address in reply to the King's speech had been moved and seconded, Mr. Baldwin said that anything that might fit to say would have the heartfelt sympathy and support of every man on the Opposition side of the House. "Apart from the public tragedy we feel a profound sympathy with the Prime Minister in the loss of Lord Thomson, who was not only a colleague but a proved and well-beloved friend," added Mr. Baldwin.

Speaking a little later, Mr. MacDonald expressed the grief of the House for those who died together and appropriately shared a common grave.

Gallant Pioneers.

Their leader was "a devoted friend and a man who was also a great Minister, devoted to the service of the State in many fields of action, and the inspiring head of a department of gallant pioneers in whose ranks had been enlisted some of the finest, most single-minded, and most promising of British youth. Lord Thomson, Sir Sefton Branker, and their comrades were pioneers of conquest and they had handed over the sacred trust to the living to continue their work. The Premier added an expression of special gratitude to M. Tardieu and France and the people of Beauvais for the practical sympathy shown, adding, "France has once again touched the hearts of our people."—British Wireless Service.

Public Enquiry.

London, Yesterday.
In opening the public enquiry into the loss of the R.101 to-day, the Attorney-General Sir W. A. Jowitt, K.C., said that the R.101 had four trial flights before starting on her ill-fated voyage. She had a certificate of airworthiness for long distance flights issued two days before the departure on her last voyage.

The experts, when they examined the wreck of the R.101, found that the cable controlling the elevator, in was broken, possibly before the accident. A microscopic examination might show whether it was broken before the accident or after the accident, whether it broke cold or hot.

Sir William Jowitt stated that the insertion of a middle section into the R.101 in order to increase the lift involved not cutting but unweaving. "Authority to split the airship was given on July 22 by the Secretary of State."

Sir William Jowitt quoted a minute by Lord Thomson giving the opinion that no good and possibly harm might be done by the flight of the R.101 to India in 1930, and suggesting that

BRITISH POLICY IN PALESTINE.

Premier Replies to Mr. Baldwin's Criticism.

KEEPING TO OUR WORD.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in reply to Mr. Stanley Baldwin, said that the Palestine White Paper did not represent any change in the British policy towards the Palestine Mandate.

The East African policy would be announced as quickly as possible.

Mr. Baldwin previously expressed the opinion that the White Paper marked a most serious alteration of policy, the real danger of which was obvious, because if it were so, it meant that we were going back on our word. It was peculiarly dangerous in the present state of the whole of the Eastern and Oriental world, at a time when we were embarking on an epoch-making conference with our Indian fellow subjects that there should be any doubt in regard to our intention and ability to hold it to our word, however awkward and difficult it might be.

Despatch from Viceroy.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Replying to questions from Mr. Baldwin, the Premier announced that the Government had decided to publish in the same shape and form as the Simon Report the despatch from the Government of India on constitutional questions, to be discussed at the Round Table Conference. A short time would first elapse while views were exchanged with the Government of India on one or two points.—British Wireless Service.

\$50,000 RANSOM.

Chicago, Yesterday.
The Herald learns that the family of Mr. Karl Yocum has refused to take the police into their confidence, and decided to pay the kidnappers a \$50,000 ransom demanded.—Reuters American Service.

airship should be made, together with an extra bay, and that the flight should be made with a 55 tons' lift to India at the end of September.

Only One Trial.

Sir William Jowitt read a letter from Sir Walter Nicholson, Secretary to the Air Ministry, after the new bay had been added to the airship, saying that several flights would be necessary prior to the India flight.

Sir John Simon observed that there was actually only one flying trial of 16 hours on October 1 and October 2.

Hearing Adjourned.

Sir William Jowitt pointed out that the R.101 was fitted with Diesel engines weighing 17 tons, instead of nine, as estimated. The disposal lift, estimated at 60 tons, proved to be 40 before the new bay was fitted, after which the disposal lift was 53 tons.

The hearing was adjourned.

Secret Memoranda.

The public inquiry into the loss of the airship R.101 opened in the hall of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

The Attorney General, Sir W. Jowitt, with whom was the Solicitor General, Sir Stafford Cripps, who was charged yesterday with the case, said that he had been specially permitted to publish the secret memoranda presented to the Imperial Conference of 1924 and 1925 by the successive

CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Demonstration Not Required.

BREACH OF PERMIT.

A big drum, a small drum, cymbals and other such instruments used in Chinese theatricals, were brought into the Central Second Court this morning, in connection with a summons which was heard by Mr. E. H. Williams. The defendant was Hui Chi Sze, of 48, Bonham Strand West, who was charged as follows: "On October 21, did commit a breach of condition of your theatrical permit by playing music and beating gongs during prohibited hours to wit, 1.30 a.m." Sergeant L. C. Russell appeared as complainant.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the defence and said that it was admitted that music went on up to the hour stated in the summons. The only question really was whether beating of gongs and using of such instruments came under the Ordinance. Apart from that he would outline the circumstances of the case.

S.C.A. on the Scene.

Interposing, his Worship asked if the S.C.A. were going to prosecute, and Mr. Lo replied that he had been instructed so far that the S.C.A. had treated his client very neutrally.

Mr. Lo said that the defendant was one of a number of a committee of the Bonham Strand "kai fong." As his Worship was aware, that street was a very well known and important street to the Chinese merchants of the first class. They formed themselves into an Association. Every year for 20 years they had a theatrical show on Confucius Birthday. Every year they sent in a petition to the S.C.A. He had a copy of this year's petition which had been signed by 16 well-known persons. It read: "Every night there will be a musical company, and in compliance with regulations the beating of gongs and big drums will stop at eleven o'clock. After that there will be light singing accompanied by small instruments."

A Treasure!

No inconvenience was experienced by anyone in that street. The music was a treasure to that class of people, and they all wanted it. Their instruments were not jarring or shrill. Mr. Lo explained that the Chinese pipe was very shrill, and could be described as jarring.

Here, Mr. Lo, asked permission for all the paraphernalia to be brought into Court, and furthermore asked his Worship if he would like a demonstration so as to hear the difference between the big and the small drum. Much interest was taken by all in Court at this suggestion, but the promised demonstration did not come off.

Continuing, Mr. Lo said that he thought that the position was that the S.C.A. did not mind. He did not want to make an earnest plea that those instruments did not come into the specified Ordinance under which one could play a piano. All he asked for was that his Worship take a sympathetic view of the case, in view of the fact that the music did not annoy anyone in the street, and also that the people wanted it.

Mr. Lo also explained that the big drum and the beating of gongs were for fighting scenes, whilst the lighter music was for singing.

In Hospital Area.

Asked if he had any evidence to give, Sergeant Russell said that at 1.20 a.m. on October 21, he was on duty in Bonham Strand. He noticed that a match had been erected, and also that there was music going on inside. He saw the defendant and asked him for his permit. It was very late at the time, and they were very banging gongs and beating drums. They also used the cymbals. They were in a hospital area. The music was mostly strings, and occasionally the cymbals clanged. Sergeant Russell, continuing, said that the defendant went up to the Central Police Station later and told them that the European Sergeant was drunk. He had every intention of taking out an application against the defendant for false allegation against the Police. He had a lot of witnesses to say that he was perfectly sober.

TORY DECLARATION.

"CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP IS ESSENTIAL."

CHIEF WHIP APPROACHED.

London, Yesterday.
A meeting attended by 44 Conservatives, presided over by Colonel J. Gretton, M.P., decided to send a declaration to the Chief Whip, Mr. Thomas Kennedy (Labour), submitting that a change of leadership is essential to the National interest.—Reuter.

STRIKE ENDS.

AFTER COSTING WORKERS 10,000,000 MARKS.

Berlin, Yesterday.
The metal workers' strike, which has cost the workers 10,000,000 marks in wages, has been terminated by an agreement to refer the dispute to arbitration.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Shanghai, To-day.

The Mukden correspondent of the North China Daily News is informed by Chang Hsueh-liang that "Chang Kai-shek and he will meet in the near future to discuss arrangements for putting the stabilisation of China on a sound and peaceful basis."

Chang Hsueh-liang stated that there was no basis for the rumoured friction between himself and Chiang Kai-shek, both of whom desire to observe the best interests of the country. All military orders will be signed by both Chang and Chiang in order to break down in the minds of the officers any idea of personal instead of State service, which so far has been the contributory factor in making civil war easy. The administration, therefore, will be in the hands of the Central Government and orders emanating from Nanking will be valid.—Reuter.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

A new anti-cyclone has formed over S.E. Mongolia and a "V" shaped depression over the Sea of Japan.
Forecast:—E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

MONKEY KILLS A MAN.

Algiers, Sept. 20.
A native travelling in a taxicab near here was killed by a stone thrown by a monkey while the taxi was passing through the area in which a war was taking place between the two rival tribes of monkeys.

dant for false allegation against the Police. He had a lot of witnesses to say that he was perfectly sober.

His Worship: Of course, that does not come into this case.
A Misunderstanding.
Mr. Lo intimated that this was the first time that a summons like this had been taken out. He submitted that his client had no intention whatever of committing a breach of condition of his permit. It was a misunderstanding but, of course, the defendant might have been wrong or made a mistake.
The Magistrate held that he would convict. He pointed out that the next time they might get their permit cleared and there should be better understanding between the S.C.A. and the Police. He imposed a nominal fine of \$10.

HUMBUG ON EMPIRE FREE TRADE.

Premier Supporter of Preferences.

FOOD TARIFF OPPOSED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Referring to the work of the Imperial Conference, the Premier, speaking in the House of Commons, said that he could give a very good report of the proceedings. Although the economic side of the work was receiving more public attention, he was not sure whether the more important work was not that whereby a definite meaning was being put to the various phrases and declarations of the 1926 Conference relating to the constitution and political relations of the various dominions. Very rapid progress had been made with that work, which was approaching an end. "On the economic side the purpose of conference was to increase inter-dominion trade without any dominion suffering in its own economic development. Tremendous keenness was being shown by all members of the conference to help Great Britain within the limits of their ability. British manufacturers made too little use of the preferences they were getting. There would be far more British goods exported to countries overseas if our manufacturers took full advantage of every opportunity than if the Dominions increased their preferences by five or 10 per cent. in favour of Great Britain."

Tariff on Food?
Two things had emerged from the conference. One was the Empire Free Trade was an absolute fraud. The second was that the only tariff Great Britain could impose that was worth anything to the Dominions in exchange for allowing wider field for preferences was a tariff on food.

"You can ask them how I can help you to get more of your products into our markets. And the very first thing every Premier says is a tax on wheat. We cannot do it," declared the Prime Minister, amid Labour cheers. There were, however, other ways than that of tariffs of helping Dominion trade, and these would be carefully explored.—British Wireless Service.

Permanent Work.

London, Yesterday.
Mr. MacDonald, in the debate on the Address in the House of Commons, said that in spite of the attention fastened on the economic side of the Imperial Conference for party reasons, the most important and most permanent work was that of applying the various declarations made by the 1926 conference as regards the constitution and political relationships of the various Dominions.

That work was nearing an end. British exports to the Dominions would be much greater if manufacturers fully profited by existing preferences, instead of the Dominions increasing their preference. He declared that Empire free trade was an absolute fraud. "The only tariff we could impose worth anything to the Dominions was on food, through the wheat tax."

The Premier forcefully asserted: "We cannot do that." No country in the world published unemployed figures as we did. A big American industrialist had told him that if a similar practice were adopted in the United States, 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 unemployed would be shown.—Reuter.

FOREIGNERS' FATE.

21 MISSIONARIES IN HANDS OF REBELS.

Peking, Yesterday.
It is learned from foreign official sources that the "Reds" in Hopeh, Hunan and Kiangsi, altogether hold twenty-one foreign missionaries of six nationalities, namely, British, American, French, Italian, Norwegian and Spanish. Gen. Lu T'ing has sent two divisions to attack the "Reds" holding Kiangsi, where a large number of Catholic missionaries were recently captured.—Reuter.

KUOMINCHUN FLEE IN DISORDER.

Shensi Capital Object of Nationalists.

"RED SPEAR" UPRISING.

Nanking, Monday.
General Yang Fu-chang has circularised a telegram, confirming the report of the capture of Tungkuang Pass by the Nationalists on October 26, the Kuominchun retreating in disorder. Consequently on the fall of Tungkuang, the Nationalists are following up the rebels to Wukow, Yufu, Shuichen, Wai-hsien, and Wainan, midway between Tungkuang and Sian, which, being the capital of Shensi, is now the immediate objective of the Nationalists.

Heavy Taxes.
On account of the heavy taxes imposed by the Kuominchun, the Shensi inhabitants have accorded a heartfelt welcome to the Nationalists for their entry into Shensi. Much of the success of the Government troops is attributed to the uprising of the Red-spear and the local militia who threatened the rear of the Kuominchun.

A portion of Kuominchun under Liu Yu-fen is said to have withdrawn to Feng-lin-tao, and the majority to Sian.

Rebel Remnants.
The 3rd newly organised division under Li Yun-lung will shortly be despatched to the southern sector of Shensi to clear the rebel remnants there.

The anti-Kuominchun troops under Cheng Yoh-shou took complete occupation on October 26 of Hsien-yang, an important city in Shensi.

Yen Hai-shan Silent.

Taiyuan, Monday.
Before releasing the telegram, announcing his retirement from the political arena, Feng Yu-hsiang is said to have wired to the Northern authorities, demanding: 1 That nine divisions of Kuominchun troops be retained with each division consisting of 15,000 men, to be monthly supported by the Central Government; 2 That Kansu, Shensi, Ninghsia, and Tsinghai be assigned to the Kuominchun for stationing; 3 That the Nationalists under Yang Fu-chang be ordered not to enter Shensi; 4 That part of military expense, say, \$2,000,000 cash, be first remitted for the payment of his subordinates and immediately upon the receipt of which retirement, he will declare his retirement.

Yen Silent.

Yen Hai-shan remains silent. He does not further mention his retirement nor does he demand any terms. However, the Shensi gentries are reported to have petitioned Yen, persuading him immediately to go abroad, thus relieving the province from further strife.

A radio message from Peking states that Yen Hai-shan has decided desperately to hold Shanxi, the new dispositions of his troops being as follows: Those under Kwan Fu-an, Yang Hou-an and Sun Tuo-wen in the southern sector, to be placed under the command of General Hsu Yung-chang, with the headquarters established at Chincheng; those under Li Fu-yung, Feng Feng-tze and Wang Ching-kuo in the eastern sector, under the command of General Chang Yin-wu, with the headquarters at Yangchuan; and those under Yang Ai-chuan, Chang Hui-chao, Chin Shao-kuan and Tso Ch'ing in the northern sector, under the command of General Yang Ai-chuan, with the headquarters at Tating.

Report Not Confirmed.
The report that 5,000 Kuominchun have arrived at Tating, in northern Shansi, is not confirmed. It is so current owing to the arrival of several thousand retreating Shansi troops under Hsu Yung-chang. There is only a small number of Kuominchun arriving in the south of Shansi. Chincheng is still garrisoned by the Shansi-ites under Kwan Fu-an.

Nationalists Advance.

General Yang Fu-chang has been personally directing the operations on Tungkuang Pass for several days and is confident of his ability to capture it within this month. About 40 per cent. of the Kuominchun under Liu Yu-fen have been evacuated from Tungkuang. The Nationalists are advancing rapidly.

SAVAGE TRIBESMEN'S RISING.

140 Police and Civilians Killed.

CAUSE OF OUTBREAK.

Tokyo, To-day.
Fragmentary reports, official and unofficial from Formosa indicate that about 140 Japanese Police and civilians have lost their lives in the uprising, but owing to the disruption of telephonic communication details are scarce and definite confirmation is still lacking.

Mountain Artillery and Telegraph Corps units of the local garrison have been despatched to assist the infantry and Police to regain control of the situation. Aircraft are co-operating in an endeavour to ascertain the true position of affairs.

The relief force is reported to have clashed with a party of tribesmen yesterday afternoon.

Police Too-Sure.
Owing to the existence of the Formosan Sugar Companies plant at Hori, near the scene of the disturbances, some anxiety is felt as to the possibility of suffering if the disturbance spread, but it is generally considered unlikely.

Nothing thus far has been ascertained regarding the cause of the outbreak, which is the first since 1920, though it is considered possible that it is due to overstrict police control, or, alternatively, that the tribesmen are revolting against a plan to erect a large dam at Nichigatautan in connection with an electric power scheme for which a company is at present in negotiation with Morgan's for a loan of 450,000,000 Yen.

The project, if carried out, will necessitate flooding several square miles of territory, and the inhabitants will have to be moved elsewhere.—Reuter.

Earlier Cables.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Poor communications and lack of transport facilities in the districts where the Formosan tribesmen have risen are expected to hamper the punitive operations.

The scene of the uprising is isolated, and savage country to which access is most difficult owing to absence of roads. The troops which have been despatched to encounter great difficulty in forcing their way through the wild forest-clad hills beyond Horisha, to which point there is a light railway.

A more detailed official report to the War Office states that the police posts in several localities in Taichu Province appear to have been completely annihilated. Starting to rise up yesterday morning, the tribesmen cut the telephone wires between Musha and Jisaki, and destroyed a number of police stations in the vicinity of Musha where, according to aircraft reports, the tribesmen's flag is now being displayed. The fragmentary information which has so far been gathered appears to indicate that the Police post at Hikei was set on fire, and all police officers in the neighbourhood of Chingha have been wiped out. About 100 rifles belonging to the Japanese Police have been seized. The insurgents are believed to number about 1,500.

A Sudden Attack.

According to the latest official dispatch from Formosa, a number of tribesmen suddenly launched an attack on the Musha primary school on October 27, while an athletic meeting was in progress. The number of casualties is not yet known, but it is feared they are heavy.

Six hundred armed police have been despatched to the scene of the outbreak.

Special dispatches received by the Osaka Asahi report that about a hundred and ninety Japanese were massacred, including twenty schoolgirls, but confirmation of this is lacking.—Reuter.

Yang will inaugurate the Shensi Prochnent Government at Tungkuang as soon as it falls, and at the same time will be formally inducted into office as Chairman of Shensi. Feng Leaves For Shanxi.
Feng Yu-hsiang has left Taiyuan for Shanxi, in south Shansi, where he will proceed to Shensi.

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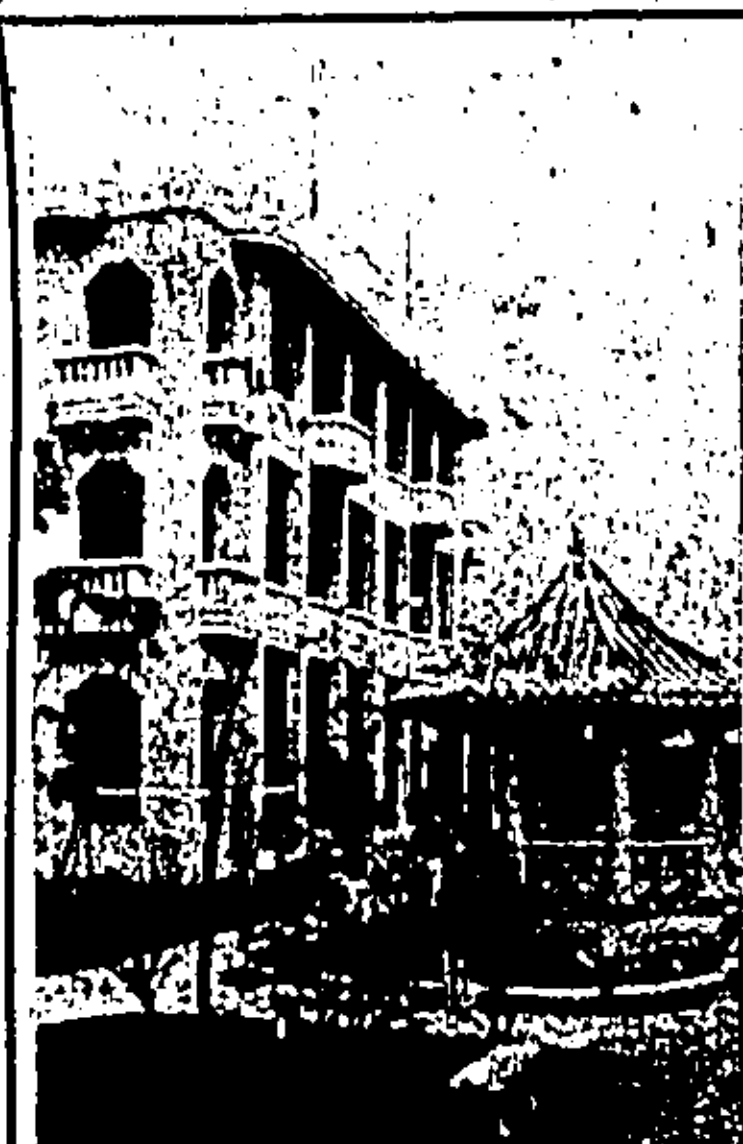
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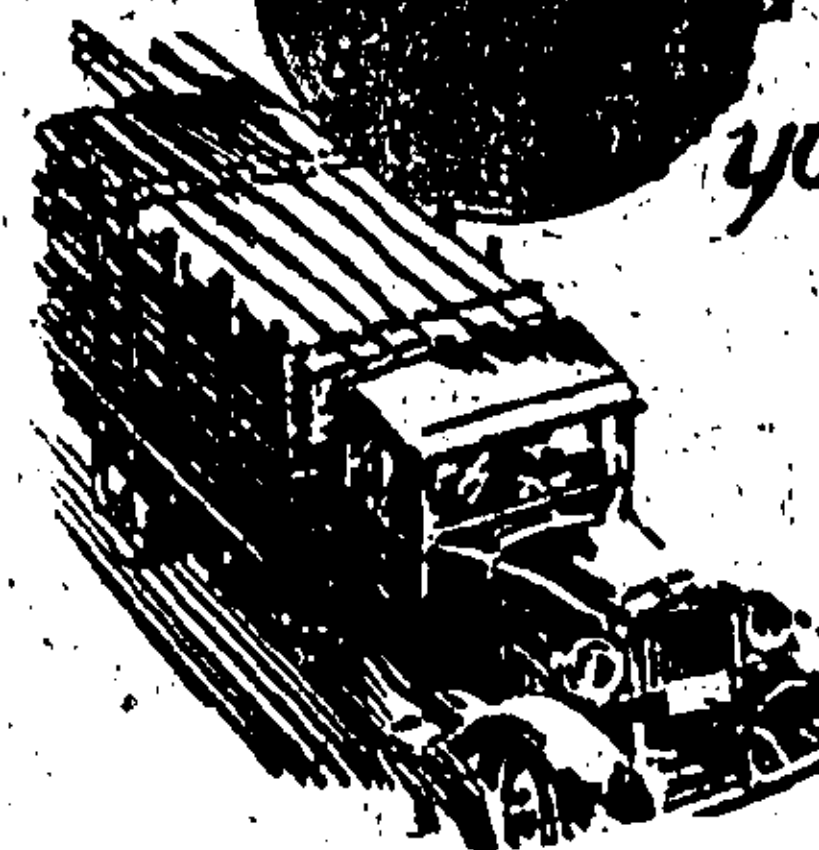
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ATSUTA MARU	Tuesday, 23rd December.
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YAMAGATA MARU	Thursday, 30th October.
IYO MARU	Monday, 10th November.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	
BOKUYO MARU	Thursday, 20th November.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	
WAKASA MARU	Tuesday, 13th November.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
TSUYAMA MARU	Sunday, 9th November.
ASUKA MARU	Tuesday, 25th November.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Suez, Constantinople, Genoa.	
TOYOOKA MARU	Thursday, 13th November.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
RANGOON MARU	Thursday, 30th October.
NAGATO MARU	Saturday, 8th November.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
HAKODATE MARU	Wednesday, 29th October.
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LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP—Via Singapore, Colombo, Suez and Port Said.	
AMUR MARU	Sunday, 9th November.
LONDON MARU	Sunday, 14th December.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.	
SANTOS MARU	Thursday, 30th October.
RIO DE JANEIRO MARU	Friday, 28th November.
HOMER—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
SHUNKO MARU	Tuesday, 4th November.
HONOLULU MARU	Wednesday, 19th November.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
PANAMA MARU	Wednesday, 5th November.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
HIMALAYA MARU	Saturday, 1st November.
CELEBES MARU	Tuesday, 18th November.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER.	
AFRICA MARU (from Shanghai)	Thursday, 13th November.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	
MELBOURNE MARU	Thursday, 6th November.
HAIKONG—Via Hekou & Fokoh.	
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports & Panama.	
LOS ANGELES, PANAMA, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, AND PHILADELPHIA.	
JAPAN PORTS.	
BATAVIA MARU	Monday, 10th November.
KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.	
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 9th Nov., Noon.
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 16th Nov., Noon.
TAKAO—Via Swatow & Amoy.	
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BATAVIA MARU	Monday, 10th November.

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MARINE INSURANCE

PREVENTION OF FIRES AT SEA.

Vichy, Sept. 23. After the President had concluded his address at the General Conference of the International Marine Insurance Union the members discussed the scheme for eliminating competition in "affaires de place" and eventually adopted a resolution to the effect that it was agreed, in principle, that foreign markets should not cut the rates and should not make concessions in conditions for business offered away from its market of origin. Dealing with Hull Insurance, Herr Walter Schues, of Hamburg, said that while there had been a general increase in rates in all countries, the business was not yet profitable—probably because the increases had coincided with an unprecedented slump in trade and shipping. Fire at sea was an increasing danger to property and life, and he urged that strong representations should be made to shipping organizations in all countries advocating the adoption of improved means of prevention and extinction, and a resolution giving effect to this proposal was adopted.

Mr. A. B. Stewart, representing Lloyd's Underwriters' Association, said that while it was impossible, owing to the constitution of the Corporation, for Lloyd's underwriters to become members of the union, there were many ways in which the two could co-operate and if the matters discussed in committee had a tangible result he would advocate a continuance of

the co-operation which was already established. Mr. O. H. Hoffmann, of Dusseldorf, in dealing with inland water risks, revealed a movement for uniform insurance conditions in this class of business, consequent on the League of Nations proposed for uniform international legislation on inland water navigation, and it was decided to set up three committees, one for eastern waters, one for the west, and one to deal with legal questions. The debate on general average questions aroused much interest, particularly with regard to objectionable clauses in bills of lading and excessive demands for general average deposits. With regard to the first it was decided to make representations to shipping organizations in all countries and to keep Chambers of Commerce and similar bodies advised.

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RELIEF OF LIGHT-VESSELS.

Reprimand for Nine Men.

The nine men who, on August 2, refused to embark on the Vestal at Cowes in order to effect the monthly relief of the Calshot Spit, Warner, Owens, and Royal Sovereign Light-vessels are to be reprimanded, and to lose a year's seniority. This decision was made in a report issued by the Industrial Court, who had to consider "whether the men's refusal was justified and, if not, what disciplinary action would be fair and adequate in the circumstances."

Reviewing the dispute, the report states that the relief date for these light-vessels is the second of the month, but when the day falls on a Saturday it is customary, subject to the exigencies of the service, to defer the relief to the following Monday. August 2 fell on a Saturday. The superintendent at Cowes had received orders for the Vestal to be in readiness at Southampton on August 11 for a committee of inspection, and he considered that it would be necessary for the relief to sail on August 2 in order that the Vestal might prepare for the cruise. When the nine men refused to carry out the order they were suspended from duty.

It was contended on behalf of the Corporation of Trinity House that the men had been guilty of a breach of the regulations of the Corporation, and that their breach of duty was a serious one and merited stern disciplinary action. The case for the men was that it was the customary practice to defer the relief when it fell on a Saturday and that the circumstances which had arisen did not warrant any suggestion of any emergency or any question of danger. The refusal of the men was neither wanton nor frivolous, but was made in the belief that they were justified in refusing to go when a well-recognised practice was departed from.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

The following British warships are in harbour to-day:—Magnolia—North wall. Serapis—East wall. Sirdar—In dock. Thracian—No. 7 buoy. Tamar—Basin. Tarantula—South wall. Somme—In dock. Seraph—East wall. Foreign Men-of-War. Argus—French gunboat. Gold Star—American gunboat. Mindanao—American gunboat.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, October 27. Mau Sang, British str., 2,063 tons, Captain G. F. Matthews, from Sandakan, buoy No. B47—J. M. & Co.

An Lee, Chinese str., 992 tons, Capt. S. Sano, from Chafco, buoy No. B19—Yee Tai Hong.

Theseus, British str., 4,282 tons, Capt. C. G. Carnon, from London via Singapore, Holt's Wharf—B. & S.

Wing Lee, Portuguese str., 641 tons, Capt. Jose Antunes, from K. C. Wan, Saikong Wharf—Wo Hop & Co.

Tuesday, October 28. Antenor, British str., 6,809 tons, Captain R. J. Woodgett, from Shanghai, buoy No. A1—B. & S.

Chip Shing, British str., 1,199 tons, Captain S. O. Mitford, from Chafco, buoy No. A8—J. M. & Co.

Chung Kong, Chinese str., 447 tons, Captain Kwok Shau, from Tourane buoy No. A9—Yau Lee & Co.

Hakodate Maru, Japanese str., 3,226 tons, Capt. S. Hirose, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

Halyard, British str., 1,217 tons, Capt. J. W. Riddoch, from Saigon, buoy No. A28—Wo Fat Sing.

Hong Peng, British str., 2,625 tons, Capt. H. G. Hay, from Swatow, buoy No. A10—Ho Thong & Co.

Ichang, British str., 1,228 tons, Captain R. F. Mitchell, from Canton, buoy No. C14—B. & S.

Kaga Maru, Japanese str., 3,615 tons, Capt. M. Tani, from Singapore, buoy No. A25—N.Y.K.

Nanking, Swedish str., 3,486 tons, Capt. Brandt, from Shanghai, buoy No. A3—Gilmann & Co.

Pexhos, French str., 7,850 tons, Capt. Filippi, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf—M. M.

Prominent, Norwegian str., 1,877 tons, Capt. H. Jensen, from Singapore, buoy No. B48—K. Larsen & Co.

Seistan, British str., 1,571 tons, Captain Alex. C. Inglis, from Hothow, buoy No. A7—Kwong Nam & Co.

Szechuan, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. C. E. Fisher, from Canton, buoy No. B15—B. & S.

Tijbadak, Dutch str., 4,801 tons, Capt. P. Luns, from Muntok, buoy No. A6—J.C.J.L.

Yeljun Maru, Japanese str., 1,284 tons, Capt. R. Taketomi, from Newchwang, Yaumati—D.K.K.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Kobe on October 28 (Tues.) at 10 a.m., left Kobe on October 28 (Tues.) at 5 p.m., and is due at Nagasaki on October 29 (Wed.) at 5 p.m. She leaves Nagasaki on October 30 (Thurs.) at 6 a.m.

The Blue Funnel s.s. Etonior will sail for Manila on November 4.

M.V. Col di Lana sailed from Singapore on October 28, and is due here on November 2.

S.S. Cracovia sailed from Colombo on October 28, and is expected here on November 9.

S.S. Moncalieri sailed from Massaua on October 28, and is expected here on November 30.

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MOTOR-TANKERS LAUNCHED.

Shipbuilding During Bad Trade.

The Athelbeach, the second of two single-screw motor tankers which are being built to the order of the United Molasses Company, Limited, by Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co., has been launched at Birkenhead.

Mr. R. S. Johnson, of Cammell Laird and Co., congratulated the directors of the company on the fact that they believed in building ships when trade was bad and prices low. This principle, he said, had been adopted in the case of the last two boats which were being finished in the yard. He wished other shipowners would realize that there would never be a better or cheaper time for building ships than the present.

Sir Robert Connell, a director of the United Molasses Company, whose daughter performed the naming ceremony, said that he agreed with Mr. Johnson as to the opportunities of building vessels at the present time. He said that he had found that vessels built when freights were high were not always a financial success, but that ships built when freights were low were a success financially. Cammell Laird's, like all other commercial enterprises, were going through a bad patch, but shipbuilders had gone through bad times before and had always seen the sun shine again. Shipbuilders and owners, if they made themselves efficient would reach a time when their business would be profitable and a help to the community.

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In November an expedition organised on somewhat different and more thorough lines than any previously will sail for the islands in yet another attempt to salvage the treasure. The organiser is Mr. C. G. Ackerley, of Auckland, a young man who is being financed by a Melbourne syndicate, and for the first time an attempt is to be made from the land to obtain the hidden gold. Mr. Ackerley's reward will be 15 per cent. of the gold salvaged. The Auckland Islands are a small unpopulated group of volcanic origin, which belong to New Zealand.

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*KARMA	9,128	22nd Nov.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	6th Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles, & London.
*KALYAN	9,144	20th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*LAHORE	5,364	27th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RANCHI	16,650	3rd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*JEYPORE	5,318	10th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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RAWALPINDI	16,619	7th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,956	11th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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KALYAN	9,144	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANCHI	16,650	5th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*PERIM	7,448	15th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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Plan to Stop Unfair
Freight Competition.

The President of the Board of
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to consider a scheme for the pur-
chase and scrapping of redundant
merchant vessels, which are over
20 years old, to prevent them fall-
ing into the hands of foreign
shipowners, who are thereby en-
abled to compete unfairly, with
British shipowners in the freight
market.

The scheme is that shipowners
should form a pool, and with Gov-
ernment assistance, buy each year
a quantity of old tonnage for
scrapping. This would also stimu-
late employment among ship-
builders and shipbreakers.

The sale of old ships abroad has
for some time been engaging the
close attention of British shipping
circles.

It is contended in many quarters
that when the Greeks, for instance,
buy up old British tramp steamers
at cheap rates these vessels enter
into harmful competition with
British owners. They involve a
small capital outlay to their new
owners, who also have much lower
overhead charges.

Moreover, "load line" regulations
in the countries of many of the pur-
chasers have been less rigorous
than those enforced by Great
Britain, so that a still further ad-
vantage has been gained over
British owners. The International
Load Line Convention signed in
July will undoubtedly minimise
this particular difficulty, but the
opportunities of favourable com-
petition against Britain still re-
main.

Intense Competition.
It is true that no larger per-
centage of old tonnage is being
sold abroad than before the war,
but on the other hand, there is a
larger surplus of world tonnage
for the available demand and
competition is considerably more
intense than before the war.

At the same time it must be re-
membered that the sale of an old
ship as a sea-going concern
brings in a considerably larger
return than its sale for scrapping,
a factor which undoubtedly en-
courages owners to sell abroad
even at the risk of enhanced com-
petition.

Moreover, it is contended at any
rate in shipbuilding circles, that
such great improvements have
been made in modern technical
construction that the economies
afforded by a new ship more than
counter-balance any advantage
which the foreigner might gain by
the cheap purchase of an old ship.
The new Committee will no
doubt investigate these opposing
views and determine what course
of action is in the best interests of
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Baron R. J. M. de Welle, Mrs. L.
Wilkie, Mr. J. Wilkie, Mr. and
Mrs. R. L. Warren, Miss D. Warren,
Miss E. Warren, Miss M. Woods,
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October 28:—

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son, Miss Myrtle Howe, Mr. O. R.
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MENACE TO SHIPS.

FOREIGN AUTHORITIES GETTING ALARMED.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The Shanghai Evening Post
learns that foreign naval, consular
and military authorities are
alarmed at the increasing bandit
menace to shipping and the
threatened capture of major ports
along the Yangtze, and are plan-
ning to hold a conference in the
near future to formulate measures
for joint action to protect foreign
properties.—Reuter.

HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has been
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ing Machine, which includes 40 com-
ponents for the better prediction of
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of the tidal observations, taken at
the Kowloon tidal observatory under
the direction of Dr. Dobson during
the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.
The times and heights are given
for Kowloon; but they may be used
for the Victoria Naval Yard and
Aberdeen, the differences being very
small.
The times of high and low-water
must not be considered to coincide
with the times of slack-water and
change of current, the two phenomena
being quite distinct.

October 29 to November 4, 1930.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER
	Standard Times	Standard Times
October	Standard Times	Standard Times
Wed. 29	m 0 43 7.0	m 10 11 7.3
Thurs. 30	m 1 07 6.6	m 11 14 7.4
Fri. 31	m 3 31 6.3	m 0 2 2.3
Sat. 1	m 6 49 6.1	m 11 13 6.1
Sun. 2	m 7 55 5.6	m 0 33 2.3
Mon. 3	m 6 30 6.1	m 0 43 4.5
Tue. 4	m 7 13 5.9	m 1 11 2.4
	m 7 13 5.9	m 1 17 4.0
	m 7 29 6.2	m 1 41 2.5
	m 7 58 6.2	m 2 9 2.4
	m 8 14 6.7	m 2 10 2.6



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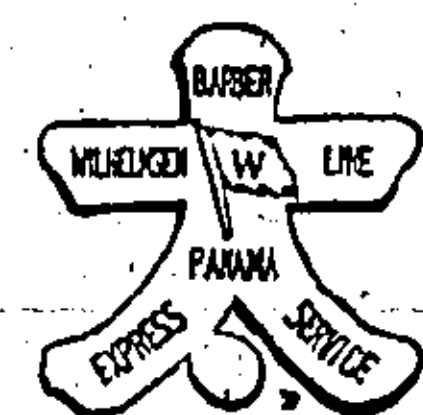
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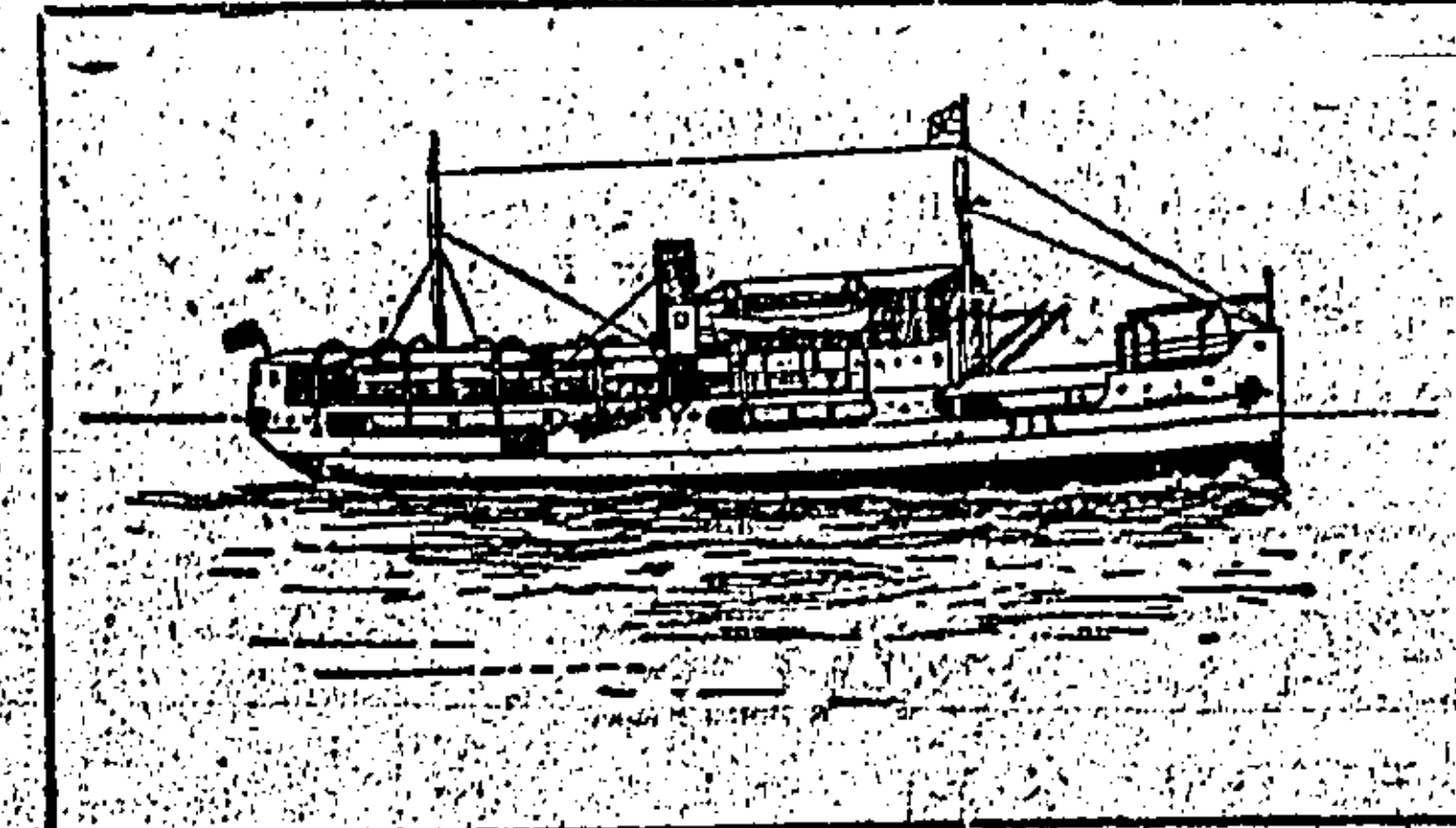
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EMPIRE FREE TRADE.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has
spoken. "Empire Free Trade is
a fraud." Like many other poli-
ticians Mr. MacDonald does not
know the true meaning of his own
words, for, in the very next sen-
tence he declares that "the only
tariff we could impose worth any-
thing to the Dominions was on
food through a wheat tax."
"we cannot do that." Mr. Mac-
Donald seems to have got hope-
lessly mixed up with Free Trade,
Protection, Preference, and Safe-
guarding. He has swallowed so
much fiscal food of late that he
cannot digest it. His condition is
no whit better than that of Mr.
Baldwin, who acclaims Empire
Free Trade one moment and then
talks about a referendum on
food taxes. "Empire Free
Trade," asserted Mr. Baldwin last
February, "is the ultimate vision
of Empire, which we can all keep
before our eyes—but he has op-
posed Empire Free Trade in all
his speeches since solely on po-
litical grounds: the fear of a split in
Conservative ranks, thus giving
Labour, with Liberal help, a
longer lease of life in Parlia-
ment. Even the now famous
United Empire Party's policy was
not a hundred per cent. Empire
Free Trade, but an effort to de-
velop protection on a wider scale
than even Australia ever dreamed
of. Politicians at home as well
as abroad cannot be any
more sincere than Mr. MacDonald.

Scotch whisky had gone up as a
result of the preferential tariff
they at once put the retail price
up, wiping out the preference.
What Mr. Scullin intended was to
provide the public with cheap
Australian whisky and to make
Scotch too dear to drink. What
he actually succeeded in doing
was to give the retailers an ex-
tra profit of about 1s. 8d. a bottle
on the Australian brand. Seven
months ago a paper making com-
pany was registered with a
capital of £2,000,000, but nothing
was to be done until the Govern-
ment passed the Bounty Bill.
The Australian-made paper will
be, as a matter of course, pro-
tected by a tariff, and yet the
promoters of the mills reckon on
getting a bounty of £4 a ton on
all the manufactured produce
which they turn out. One of the
big newspapers will use perhaps
100 tons of newsprint a week,
which means £400 a week out of
the Federal Exchequer. All the
butter sold in Australia is subject
to a levy of 3d. per pound,
which goes to pay a bounty on ex-
ported produce. The Australian
pays 3d. per pound for his butter
in order that the British con-
sumer shall get Australian butter
under cost price. This is a mere
specimen of the jugglery which is
resorted to in order to keep up
prices. The poor worker is de-
luded with the fairy tale that he
has a "high standard of living,"
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is paying all the bounties and
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up at home and down abroad.
Complaint was made that it was
impossible for a working man in
Australia to buy a decent Sun-
day suit for less than £8 8s., and
this was attributed to the high
price of British cloth. A Brad-
ford dealer examined an Australi-
an £8 8s. suit, and stated that
the cloth in it cost £1 10s. All in
the sacred name of Protection!
True it is that any discussion of
Empire Free Trade must take into
consideration the views of the
Dominions. Australia is wedded
to Protection and Canada cannot
see beyond a limited system of
Preference. They cannot be com-
pelled to change their policy by
politicians in Britain. But they
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News in Brief.

Taken to the Government Civil
Hospital on October 22, after being
injured at Ah King's slipway
through sawing a piece of wood,
Leung San-muk, the victim, died
last night at ten o'clock. He was
injured in the stomach.

Charged before Mr. R. E. Lind-
sell this morning with the unlaw-
ful possession of 52 tael of raw
opium at Des Vaux Road West,
a Chinese pleaded guilty and was
fined \$1,500 with the alternative
of six months' hard labour. Re-
venue Officer Griffith prosecuted.

In the Supreme Court this morn-
ing, Mr. Justice Wood granted an
application by the Australian and
Oriental Trading Company for an
extension of time in which to file
a return of allotments. The pro-
ceedings were purely formal. Mr.
F. C. Jenkin appearing on behalf of
appellants.

Messrs. Ellis & Edgar send us
their September "Figures &
Quotations of Local & Other
Stocks." In response to numerous
requests, they have commenced in
this issue the daily quotations for
rubber, received by wire from Lon-
don, an innovation that should be
both interesting and useful.

Mr. P. K. Chu, the General
Secretary of the World's Chinese
Students' Federation of Shanghai,
returned to Hong Kong from Can-
ton, with Mr. Emile Vandervelde,
the Belgian statesman and diplomat.
Mr. Vandervelde left for Europe
yesterday by the Porthos, while Mr.
P. K. Chu will return to Shanghai
by the Empress of Canada to-
morrow. Mr. Chu is now at the
Peninsula Hotel.

Two Chinese, a barber and a
ricksha coolie, were yesterday
charged before Mr. E. H. Williams
at the Central Magistracy with
possession of seditious pamphlets
and papers. Detective Sub-Inspector
O'Donovan, who was prosecut-
ing officer, said that the distribution
of papers, containing sentiments of
a Communistic nature, was carried
out on a big scale in Hong Kong on
October 10, the "Double Ten"
anniversary. The Magistrate con-
victed both men and passed sentence
of three months' hard labour on
each.

ITALIAN REDS.

IMPORTANT ARRESTS IN
PARIS.

Paris, Yesterday.
Two suspicious individuals were
arrested early this morning near
the Eiffel Tower. They are said
to have admitted that they are
Italian Communists, who had
come to blow up the Fascist head-
quarters in Paris.
They were in possession of au-
tomatic pistols, ammunition and
a bomb, contained in a large
paper parcel.
An examination of the bomb
showed that it was powerful
enough to blow up a large build-
ing. It consisted of a "75" artil-
lery shell, charged with melinite,
enclosed in a petrol can.—Reuter.

BISHOP'S DEATH.

TRAGIC OCCURRENCE OUTSIDE
PARLIAMENT.

London, Yesterday.
Shortly before the arrival of
their Majesties at the House of
Lords for the opening of Parlia-
ment, the Bishop of Worcester, who
was standing outside among the
spectators, was taken ill and died
en route to hospital. It is believed
from heart failure.—Reuter.
[The Rt. Rev. Ernest Harold
Farmer, who has been Bishop of
Worcester since 1919, was born in
1866, and took Holy Orders in 1889.
He had a brilliant academic career
at Cambridge, where he won, on a
scholarship from Christ's Hospital,
to Peterhouse. He was for some
years a school master. His numer-
ous publications on Divinity and
allied subjects were noteworthy.
He was Chaplain to the King in
1918-19.]

PROHIBITION TRAGEDY.

Agent Killed by New Jersey
Gangsters.

New York, Sept. 26.
While half a dozen prohibition
agents were taking possession of the
Rising Sun Brewery at Elizabeth, in
New Jersey, yesterday, evening,
twelve gangsters appeared on the
scene, armed with pistols and
took them prisoners. But another
officer who was outside entered the
brewery and opened fire. He killed
one of the agents. The leader of the
gangsters, known as "Kil" Jim, and
thirteen other men, with eight
guns, were taken to the prison.
The agents were taken to the prison
and the brewery was closed.

KUOMINCHUN FLEE IN
DISORDER.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Yung-an. Feng is said to have
brought with him a lot of old and
new rifles, recently allotted by Yen
Hsi-shan, to Shensi for the dis-
tribution to his subordinates under
Liu Yu-fen and Sung Chin-yang,
who, Feng understood, are badly in
need of war materials in resisting
the attack of the Nationalists.

Military Training.

General Ho Ying-ching wired to
Nanking on the 25th that with the
termination of warfare at the front,
he intended to take a trip back to
Nanking for the purpose of sum-
moning a Military Training Council
to decide military rehabilitation,
and that General Cho Meng-ling and
Liu Mou-yen have been instructed
to rally the Kuominchun remnants
who scattered in the countryside.

Chang To Meet Chiang.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek wired to
General Chang Hsueh-liang on
October 25 that they are to meet at
Tsingtao in the near future for the
discussion of military rehabilitation.
Marshal Chiang will stay in Feng-
hua, his native place for a week,
when he will sail on a gunboat
direct to Tsingtao. His return
trip from Tsingtao will be made on
the Kiao-Tai and Tsin-Pu railway,
with the object of inspecting the
troops on these two lines.—Canton
News Agency.

War Minister Resigns.

Nanking, Yesterday.
It is reported that Gen. Ho Ying-
ching, the War Minister and
Director General of Military Train-
ing, who has been Commander-in-
Chief of the Lungshai front, has re-
signed all his posts.
It is further reported that Gen.
Chen Ming-shu, the Chairman of
the Kwangtung Provincial Govern-
ment, may be appointed Director
General of Military Training.

From Other Sources.

Foochow, Yesterday.
Luh Seng-ping has released the
five members of the Fukien Pro-
vincial Government whom he car-
ried off from Foochow in January.
They are expected to arrive to-
night.
A sixth official who was seized,
the Civil Governor of Fukien, sub-
sequently died in captivity, two
months ago.
It is reported that Lu Hsiang is
occupying Yenping and Kienning,
and the Min river is expected to
open soon.

Peking, Yesterday.
A Manchurian brigade has ar-
rived at Shantung. Shih Yu-san
has telegraphed from Tzchow
warmly welcoming them.
The vernacular papers state that
Nanking aeroplanes have been
daily bombing South Shansi for
several days past.—Reuter.

DEARER WHISKY.

ANNA PER QUART MORE IN
CALCUTTA.

Calcutta, Sept. 18.
Whisky will cost more in Cal-
cutta from October 1.

The Government of Bengal has
decided to increase from that
date the licence fees levied on
wines, beers and spirits imported
into the province.

The manager of a well-known
firm of retailers informed the
Statesman that the provincial tax,
which is quite distinct from the
Central Government's import duty,
would be increased from two annas
to three on every quart bottle of
whisky, gin, brandy and wine, and
would be raised to six annas per
dozen quart bottles of beer, ale
and stout and four annas per dozen
pint bottles.
"The Calcutta Wine Association,
acting in conjunction with the
Wine, Spirit and Beer Association
of India, has therefore decided to
raise the retail price of spirits one
anna per quart bottle and one half
anna per pint bottle. Margins of
profit in these lines are so small
owing to competition that the trade
is bound to pass the tax on to the
consumer."

"Although the tax on beer will
be doubled, dealers are already
making a reasonable profit and
have, therefore, determined not to
make the purchaser pay more. In
the case also of wine they will bear
the whole additional levy them-
selves."
"I understand that the licence
fees have been raised because the
excise revenue of the Bengal Gov-
ernment has dropped considerably
since the opening of the frontier
liquor consequent on the general
campaign and the general agree-
ment in trade. The Government
tenses are believed to be about
Rs. 2,000,000, and the impending
increase in tax will make good
only a part of that sum."

Have You Heard?—

Smith: Didn't you have luck at
the races to-day?
Symthe: Luck! When my horse-
man past me, I yelled: "They went
up that way!"

Gallant Colonel: When I dance
with you I feel as though I were
treading on clouds!
She: Don't fool yourself; those
are my feet.

The Chief Constable of a small
town was also an expert veterinary
surgeon. One night the telephone
bell rang.
"Is Mr. Blank there?" said an
agitated voice.
"Do you want my husband in his
capacity of veterinary surgeon or as
Chief Constable?" inquired the
Chief Constable's wife, rather
pompously.

"Both, madam," came the reply.
"We can't get our new bulldog to
open his mouth, and—there's a
burglar in it."

Browne was in a dilemma. He
had arranged to be married, but
later found the day to be incon-
venient. So he sought out his mar-
ried friend, Whyte, for advice.

"Do you think it bad luck to post-
pone a wedding?" he asked, anxiously.

"Not at all," replied Whyte, as he
gave him a friendly pat on the
back; "especially if it can be post-
poned often enough."

The missionary smiled benevolent-
ly on the native tribe around him.
"I will cure them all of cannibal-
ism," he said, hopefully, as he re-
turned to his hut.

There he was shortly afterwards
joined by a native.

"The King has sent me to dress
you for dinner," said the man.

"Ah," smiled the missionary.
"How thoughtful of him! You are
royal, valet, I suppose?"

"No," replied the native, "I'm the
royal cook!"

A certain couple, having been
married about ten years, lived a life
made up for the most part of
quarrels and bickerings. One day
the husband visited a friend whose
home life was entirely different.

On leaving he said to his friend—
"I've enjoyed my visit. You seem
so happy; how do you manage it?"

"It's quite simple," replied his
friend; "I make a fuss of my wife
and kiss her quite often."

The husband decided to try this
method, and when, on arriving
home, his wife opened the door, he
kissed her. His wife burst into
tears.

"What's the matter?" he asked.
"Oh dear!" sobbed the wife.
"Everything has gone wrong to-day.
I fell down and broke a lot of china,
the maid has given notice, and now
you come home drunk!"

"Now, guard," said Pilkington,
"remember if I have this carriage
to myself for the entire journey you
will receive half a crown."

"Very good, sir," said the guard,
and he locked the door.

All went well until they reached
a station about the middle of the
journey; then an irascible man
pulled at the door of Pilkington's
carriage.

"Guard! Guard!" he called.
"Open this door! I know your
tricks. I've the right to travel in
this carriage, and I mean to do it!"

The guard whispered a few words
to the irascible man, after which the
latter went away.

"How did you manage it?"
Pilkington asked the guard at the
end of the journey, as he pressed
the promised half-crown into his
hand. "How did you get that bad-
tempered old chap to go away so
quietly?"

"I just told him you were a bit
wrong in the head," replied the
guard.

The Newbolds had been entertain-
ing neighbours, and one of the lat-
ter remarked:

"What splendid cutlery you
have!"

"Yes," said Mrs. Newbold, "all
our knives are stainless. I always
think they are a more delicate
flavour than the stained ones!"

The bus conductor had had a
barraging day. Troublesome, old
ladies, irritating old gentlemen, peo-
ple was tried to avoid payment of
their fares, and other bus punts had
all combined to do their worst.

Later in the afternoon an Ameri-
can tourist boarded the bus. "Say,
conductor," he exclaimed, "want
you 'St. Paul's Cathedral'?"

"Oh, all right," replied the con-
ductor, "rather shortly."

"I say," repeated the American
in a louder tone, "I want you 'St.
Paul's Cathedral'—and make it
snappy!"

"Don't worry, guv'nor," replied
the bus conductor, "I'll get you to
the 'St. Paul's Cathedral' wrapped up for
you."

SANITARY BOARD.

CHLORINATED WATER QUESTION.

NO DANGER TO HEALTH.

Questions relative to the chlorination of water were asked at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board which was held yesterday, Mr. T. N. Chau pointing out that certain members of the Chinese community had expressed fears that the frequent drinking of chlorinated water might be injurious to health.

Those present were Mr. G. R. Sayer (President), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Greasy, Dr. G. W. Pope, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. T. N. Chau and Mr. J. H. Gelling (Secretary).

The questions asked by Mr. Chau and the answers given by the Chairman were as follows:

Q. "In view of the fear expressed by certain members of the Chinese community that the frequent drinking of chlorinated water might be injurious to health, will the Board inform the Board: Whether in the opinion of the Medical Officers of Health such is the case or not?"

A. No.

Q. Whether the quantity of chlorinated lime used on each and every occasion is prescribed and supervised by expert officers?

A. The chlorination is done by the most up-to-date machinery under expert supervision.

Q. Whether there is any other chemical substance of less pronounced odour and taste which could be effectively substituted for chlorinated lime?

A. No.

Q. If the answer to the preceding question is in the negative, can anything be done to remove or lessen the very disagreeable odour and taste?

A. A flavour of chlorine in the water is a sensible guarantee though not an indispensable condition of its sterility; and the Water Authority will investigate complaints of pronounced odour and taste if forwarded to him through the customary channels.

Before answering the questions, the Chairman said that the re-



AT THE PHONE BOX.

Impatient Gent.: "Can I help you to find the number you want?"

Lady: "Oh, I don't want a number. I am looking for a pretty name for my new baby."

Everybody's Weekly, London.

plies were given on the authority of the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services.

Position of D.M.S.S.

At the request of Dr. Koch, who urged at a previous meeting, that the recommendations of the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services) should be made known to the Board, the chairman intimated that he had written to the Colonial Secretary, the following day, his letter being as follows:

"Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that at yesterday's meeting of the Board on the occasion of the laying on the table of your letter No. 483/1929 of 10th September, Dr. Koch enquired informally as to the possibility of the Board and the Public being put in possession, at an early date, of the recommendations of the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services as a result of his membership of the Board.

Having ascertained that the other unofficial members present associated themselves with Dr. Koch, I undertook to acquaint you with their interest in the matter.

The reply from the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Colonial Secretary was as follows:

"Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 17th of September, 1930, in connection with the recommendations of the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services as a result of his membership of the Board.

I am to inform you that these recommendations, which take the form of a Report from a Health Department, to Government, are still under consideration, and that the question of their publication remains to be settled in due course.

It was mentioned by the Chairman that members had enquired in granting the application for a licence to the Sanitary Board, 17, Temple Street, and 27, Spring Garden Lane, and also that the Medical Officer had had no objection to the application for registration of 159, Broadway Road, ground floor.

The Board adjourned until Wednesday, November 12, instead of November 11.

THE SULTAN OF JOHORE.

Marriage to Former White Official's Wife.

A LONDON CEREMONY.

Notice was given at the Prince's Row Registry Office of the marriage of His Highness the Sultan of Johore to Mrs. Helen Wilson, aged forty, formerly the wife of Dr. William Brockie Wilson, from whom she is divorced, says a special cable from London to the Singapore Free Press.

The Sultan and Mrs. Wilson are staying at Grosvenor House.

The Evening News, quoting a member of the Sultan's suite says that the marriage was the end of a very real love romance.

Mrs. Wilson, who is the daughter of a Kilmarnock business man, fell in love with a young doctor going to Singapore. She followed him there and married him.

Her husband was a Government doctor in Johore, and she there met the Sultan.

Her marriage proved a failure and a few years ago the Sultan met the lady again in Britain and fell in love with her.

He often journeyed to Britain specially to see her and decided a month ago to ask her to marry him forthwith.

His Highness started for London and on arrival there proposed to Mrs. Wilson and was accepted.

They are to spend their honeymoon on the Continent and will afterwards return to Johore where there are to be State rejoicings.

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M.P.'s KEYS STOLEN.

SENSATIONAL SUGGESTION. DISCREDITED.

Geneva, Sept. 17.

During the week-end a burglar broke into hotel bedroom of a British delegate to the League Assembly, Mr. P. J. Noel Baker, M.P., held up Mr. Baker and his wife with a revolver, and escaped.

Mr. Baker, in an interview, said that owing to long sleeplessness, he took a sleeping draught and slept very heavily.

He was awakened at four o'clock in the morning by his wife shouting that there was someone in the room. He switched on the light and discovered the burglar in a corner. The latter drew a revolver and covered Mr. and Mrs. Baker while he backed out of the room.

Mr. Baker, owing to the fact that he broke a sleep before leaving London, was physically incapable of doing anything to stop him.

An alarm was immediately raised, but no trace of the burglar could be found.

The burglar secured only a few francs and a brooch of little value. Official circles entirely discredit the sensational suggestion that the burglar in Mr. Noel Baker's room has any sinister political significance.

It is admitted that the burglar secured Mr. Baker's key-ring, including the keys of dispatch boxes, but Mr. Baker is convinced that it was merely a common theft. He says that the man tried to open cases containing personal belongings, presumably in the hope of securing jewels.

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STUDIO SECRETS OF FAMOUS MEN.

"No Money" in Shaw's Face.

PAINTER'S ANECDOTES.

What G. B. S. said when he refused to have his portrait painted; the books that Thomas Hardy never read; the wife of a great man who preferred chocolate-box art—these and the curious and amusing things are contained in some new anecdotes of famous people, related by Mr. Alfred Wolmark, the painter.

Mr. Wolmark has been making a collection of portraits of celebrities which he intends, to leave to the nation when he dies.

Here are the stories:—The sitting of Henry Arthur Jones, the dramatist for me was tragic. He had to be brought down by his nurse, and he was near death when I did his portrait for my collection.

He said to me: "Why did they bring me back from death? All these people have worked so hard to keep me alive when I would much prefer to die. What is there for me to live for? I wish they had let me die two years ago. I do not want to live."

Sir Oliver Lodge. I annoyed this great scientist. I am no believer in spiritualism, but I was anxious to hear about spiritualism.

He plunged into his subject with tremendous enthusiasm, but I was not convinced and his reply to my next remark was: "Now I can see that it is useless for me to speak to you," and indeed he never said another word to me throughout the three sittings.

Somerset Maugham. I never anticipated any difficulty in making a good sitter of Mr. Maugham, but this is what happened. This successful author wore an expression of bitter disappointment and if I had set to work on my portrait there and then anybody looking at my picture would say that I had portrayed a man who had failed in life.

I had been talking to him for two and a half hours, waiting in vain for him to reveal his natural expression, and at last he exclaimed angrily: "When are you going to make a start? I have been sitting here for more than two hours and you have done nothing."

I, too, was angry, for I could have done half a dozen portraits in the time, and I replied, "I have been waiting all this time for you to relax your expression of bitterness to the world, and now that we understand each other we will get to work."

He looked in the corner at a steel helmet, an Army relic, a beautifully modelled torso and a statue of a tiger which were arranged there, and said, "What a story I could write about that corner. The tiger representing beauty, the tiger strength, and the helmet representing destruction." He was inspired and it was in that mood I portrayed him.

Bernard Shaw. Bernard Shaw knows nothing of art. He has sat for many good painters, but for every good artist who has painted him there have been twenty inferior dabblers who have made him look like a woman. I first approached him in 1915 for a sitting, and he replied: "There is no money in my face."

I was hurt, but as I wanted him in my collection I repeated my request and fifteen years later he repeated his joke, telling me that there was no money in his face.

When Edith Evans was at the height of her fame she said to me: "I have worked hard for fifteen years, but I shall have to work for another ten years before I achieve what I am aiming at."

Forbes Robertson, the Actor. Twenty-five years ago I asked him to sit for a painting. He consented, but he arrived as Forbes Robertson, the actor, complete with his beautiful stage voice gestures, and it was impossible to portray him as Forbes Robertson himself.

I said I would let him know when I wanted him to give me the next sitting, and the moment he left I destroyed the work. I had already done in disgust.

He consented to it for me twenty-five years later for the purpose of my collection. He had dropped his stage mannerisms, and I did a good portrait. He astonished me by saying, "And now when will you finish the portrait you began twenty-five years ago?"

Thomas Hardy. I said to this great author: "I suppose you have read the works of Galway, H. G. Wells, Arnold Bennett, and Isaac Zangwill, during a discussion in books, and he replied: "I have never read any of them."

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.

Today Queen's Theatre
"The Rogues Song"
To-day Central Theatre
"Journey's End"

To-day—World Theatre
"Reminiscences of Peking"
To-day—Star Theatre
"The General"

To-day—Majestic Theatre
"The Love Parade"
October—Scottish Company
H.K.V.D.C. Halloween Dinner

November 1—At Hotel Savoy
Ballroom Dance Competition
(evening dress), 10 p.m.
November 1—Peninsula Hotel
Carnival Dinner Dance

Dec. 12—Hong Kong Automobile Association third annual dinner dance.

Sports
See Special Sports Diary on page 8.

Home Mails
To-day—Outward for Europe via Vancouver B.C., 5 p.m. and Europe via Siberia, 6 p.m. (Empress of Canada); for Europe via San Francisco (Tatsuta Maru), 5 p.m.

Meetings
To-day—Meeting of the Society of Yorkshiresmen, Jardine's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.
November 14—Meeting of the Licensing Board, Council Chamber, noon.

Lammerts' Auctions.
To-morrow—At 175, The Peak, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.
Oct. 31—At Sales Room, household furniture etc., 2.30 p.m.

CLAN MACKAY'S GIFT
SCOTS DUTCH FLAG FOR AMSTERDAM.

A replica of one of the two flags of the Scots Dutch Brigade, which served in the Low Countries from 1752 to 1782, has been sent from Edinburgh to the Royal United Services Institution Museum, Whitehall.

The flag is being presented by members of the Clan Mackay to the Presbyterian Church at Amsterdam, and it will be taken there after exhibition in London.

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From the bully-off, the visitors took up the offensive, but were soon beaten back and but for wild shooting the "Y" should have held an early lead. At half-time the Radio Sports were two goals to the good. An early goal in the second half placed them in a good position, and it was late in the game when F. R. Ashton scored the "Ys" solitary goal.

EVENTS FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

5-The Autumn Cup—A steeple chase of 1 1/4 miles. For China ponies. Weight: for fillies not over scale. Winners: since January 1: of 2 steeplechases 5 lb. penalty; 8 Cup; 2nd 60/3rd 62/4th 64. 1934—The November Steeple Chase—A steeplechase of 1 1/4 miles. For China ponies that have won a steeplechase. Weight: for fillies not over scale. Ponies that have entered at least three steeplechases allowed 10 lb. penalty; 1st 60/2nd 62/3rd 64/4th 66.

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CHRISTMAS PARCELS MAIL FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

The Christmas Parcel Mail for Great Britain will be closed in the General Post Office at 5 p.m. on November 1st, Macedonia. This mail is due in London on December 12.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29.	
Shanghai & Swatow	Soochow
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31.	
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Suwa Maru
(London, Oct. 11)	
Europe via Nipponkai (Letters and Papers)	Hakusan Maru
London, Oct. 2	
London (Parcels, Sept. 25) & Straits	Anchises
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1.	
Shanghai	Zosma
Straits	Lahore
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Oct. 3)	President Wilson
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3.	
Sourabaya	Lematang
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 16)	Empress of Russia
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Oct. 10)	President Madison
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.	
Japan	Melbourne Maru
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, Oct. 18)	President Pierce
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9.	
Australia and Manila	Tanda

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29.	
Straits	Hai Hing 3.30 p.m.
Formosa	Oldenburg 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Ichang 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Ming 4 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Empress of Canada (Due Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 14) 4.15 p.m.
Letters	Registration 4.15 p.m.
*Shanghai, *Japan, Honolulu, *U.S.A., *Canada, *C. and *S. America and *Europe via San Francisco	Tatsuta Maru (Due San Francisco, Nov. 20) 4.15 p.m.
Letters	Registration 4.15 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Empress of Canada (Due Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 14) 4.15 p.m.
Letters	Registration 4.15 p.m.
Saigon	Telemachus 5 p.m.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30.	
Holhow, Pakhoi and Halphong	Menado Maru 8.30 a.m.
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa	Santos Maru 9.30 a.m.
Straits	Hong Peng 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 3 p.m.
Amoy	Tsinan 3.30 p.m.
Saigon	Shun Chih 4.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31.	
Manila, *Australia (except Places North of Brisbane) and *New Zealand via Thursday Island	Nellere (Due Thursday Is., Nov. 15) 1.45 p.m.
Letters	Registration 1.45 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hakusan Maru 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Suwa Maru (Due Marseilles, Nov. 30) 3.30 p.m.
Letters	Registration 3.30 p.m.
K.P.O.	Registration 3.30 p.m.
Letters	Registration 3.30 p.m.
Tourane	Chung King 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1.	
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Lahore 5 p.m.
Letters	Registration 5 p.m.
Swatow	Chip Shing 5 p.m.
Saigon	Mau Sang 5 p.m.
Sundakan	Antung 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2.	
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangsu 8.30 a.m.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3.	
Amoy	Yuen Sang 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching 1 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Russia 3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Foo Shing 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.	
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Melbourne Maru (Due Brisbane, Nov. 19) 4.15 p.m.
Letters	Registration 4.15 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

THE OVER-ANXIOUS MOTHER.

Effect of Early Care in After Life.

BOY TURNED INTO THIEF.

The effect upon children in after life of the treatment accorded them by parents, especially mothers who become over-anxious, is discussed in the current issue of the Howard Journal by Dr. R. D. Gillespie, M.D.

The young offender and the cause of his delinquencies has always been a puzzle to the minds of those seeking to reform him. Dr. Gillespie in dealing with parental control mentions the case of two boys. He says:

One of them came to me complaining of pains in his head and back—or more precisely his mother complained of the pain in his back, while the boy complained of pain in the head. He seemed to know nothing of the back-pain which his mother sollicitously emphasised. He wept readily, and was very unhappy because the other fellows said he was "silly" and could not fight. He was in fact more intelligent than the average, being a year ahead of the usual mental capacity of his age. His mother was exceedingly concerned about him, and spent a large part of the day coaxing him to take his meals.

The other boy, about the same age (13 in this instance), was also brought by his mother. She was in great distress. He was her eldest child and only boy and had been, until two years previously, the apple of his parent's eye. At that time he had begun to steal anything of value he could find about the house, his father's cigars and his sister's sweets. He was incorrigible; no punishment was of any avail.

Confession and Cure.

This hardened delinquent when interviewed rapidly dissolved in tears. It came out, bit by bit, that after day-school, which ended about four o'clock, he was expected by his mother to do two hours' lessons; thereafter to practise the violin, which he loathed, for half an hour; and after that to help his mother in the garden. If any leisure remained thereafter before bedtime, he was allowed to play—with his sisters in the garden. The village boys were "too rough."

Nominally he had ample pocket-money for one of his years—8d. per week: 4d. of this he gave (under duress) to foreign missions, and the other 4d. he placed in his bank against the purchase of Christmas and birthday presents for the rest of the family.

The mother of the first boy had been over-anxious and over-indulgent and had produced a timid, hypochondriac; the mother of the second had been over-anxious and severe, and had produced a thief. Luckily she was willing to admit the error, and with provision of time for play, not with his sisters, and corresponding reduction in hours of work and violin practice, and with half his pocket money for his own use, so that it was no longer necessary to barter father's cigars for boyish luxuries, stealing ceased at once.

HIDDEN JEWELLERY.

\$1,000 Worth in Excavated Wall

The Yorkshire police have been notified by William Ely, a Skipton labourer, of a remarkable find of jewellery, valued from £700 to £1,000.

While engaged at Snaygill on road improvement work with other labourers, Ely was working about two feet below the surface of the road, excavating an old wall, when the point of his pick struck a cigarette tin. When opened the tin was found to contain 32 rings, 80 of which were set with diamonds, and two were of platinum. The rings were wrapped in paper which bore the date 1925.

CENTENARY OF THE STEEL PEN.

How the Ancient Quill Was Ousted.

PERRY'S SUCCESS.

In days bygone, when each man cut his quill.

With little Perryan skill, What horrid, awkward, bungling tools of trade Appeared the writing instrument home-made!

This is the centenary year of the steel pen, for, according to Henry Boie's "Story of the Invention of the Steel Pen," it was in 1830 that this article came into general use, in place of the ancient quill, writes Anthony Old in the Sunday Referee.

And it was at the end of August of that year that James Perry, of Red Lion Square, who did more than anybody else to popularise the use of the steel pen, was able to announce: "Till about six months ago the public had heard little of metallic pens, but at present it would seem that comparatively few of any kind are in the hands of any class of the community."

What Perry did with success in 1830 a London stationer named Wise had made valiant efforts to do between 1816 and 1820, but most steel pens then were made of crude metal rolled into a cylinder and tapered, the edges forming the slit; and they cost 5s.

Wordsworth's Penmanship. "My dear Lady Beaumont," wrote Wordsworth, using one of these pens, "here's penmanship for you." But they were only novelties; and the quill, selling for a halfpenny or a penny, was firmly entrenched.

It was with a pen that had gained flexibility that Perry made his "big push." It had an aperture between the shoulder and the point, and slits cut in its sides. Both these improvements he patented in 1830.

Soon after he received from a Birmingham man named Josiah Mason (afterwards Sir Josiah) a parcel of pens, modelled on his own but made in Birmingham cheaper and better than they could be made in London. Perry did not hesitate. He caught the coach to Birmingham and got Mason to make his pens henceforth. That was how Birmingham gained the trade.

Besides advertising his pens widely Perry offered them as prizes in schools, where the spluttering quill needed constant mending, and he saw to it that the public heard of the man who wrote with one "for eight hours a day for eight weeks."

100 Gross for London. Every stationer began to stock them. Several times in 1830 Mason dispatched to London a parcel of 20 or 30 gross. "In November," he wrote afterwards, "I dispatched for the first time a parcel of 100 gross."

Not that opposition to the steel pen was not stubborn in some quarters. There were schools where to possess one was almost as great an offence as a "crib," and as late as 1889 one quarter of the pens issued by the Stationery Office were quills, "they taking a long time to die because the mending of them constitutes the principal occupation of some of the clerks."

Perry's mission of 1830 was absolutely vital to a nation: that was soon to become a nation of penmen. Without cheap, plentiful, and durable steel pens it is doubtful if the mechanical means of writing would have been adequate.

What would Perry have given, good publicity man that he was, to have overheard the remark of William IV. at his Accession Council in 1830: "This is a damned bad pen," observed His Majesty. And it was a quill!

Brown was before the judge, for having killed his wife.

Judge: "You maintain that you threw your wife out of the 10th-storey window through forgetfulness?"

Brown: "Yes; we used to live on the ground floor, and I'd clean forgotten we'd moved!"

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank wire	1/3 1/2
Bank on demand	1/3 1/2
Bank 4 months' sight	1/3 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/3 15/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/4 1/16
On Paris—	
On demand	800
Credits, 4 months' sight	840
On New York—	
On demand	31 3/4
Credits, 60 days' sight	32 1/2
On Bombay—	
On demand	87 1/4
On Calcutta—	
Wire	87 1/4
On demand	87 1/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	55 1/4
On Manila—	
On demand	63 1/4
On Shanghai—	
On demand	Tls. 80 1/2
Dollar	9 1/2 dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	63
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/4
Silver (per oz.)	16 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Par.
Copper Cash	Nomina.
Copper Cents	3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	8 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	24 1/4% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	123.815
New York	4.85 18/16
Brussels	34.845
Geneva	25.02
Amsterdam	12.06
Milan	92.775
Berlin	20.39
Stockholm	18.10
Copenhagen	18.16
Oslo	18.16
Vicenna	34.455
Prague	163.94
Helsingfors	193.4
Madrid	44.55
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	818
Rio	4%
Buenos Aires	30.1/16
Montevideo	38 1/2
Bombay	1/5 3/4
Shanghai	1/7
Hong Kong	1/3 1/4
Yokohama	2/0 19/32
Silver Spot & Forward	16 1/2
—British Wireless Service.	

R.A. DISAPPEARS.

"NOT ENOUGH MONEY FOR TWO TO LIVE ON."

London, Sept. 24. According to the Nice correspondent of the Echo de Paris, the septuagenarian, Mrs. Lawrence, who is ill in a nursing home, told the police that her husband left at 7 p.m. on September 18, saying that she would never see him again and he must go because they had not enough money between them, for two people to live on.

A message from Nice, dated September 20, stated:—A parcel of clothing has been discovered on the Promenade des Anglais with a card in one of the pockets inscribed "Loss of memory. Please take me to Lawrence, Rue Verdi."

The police ascertained that the clothes belonged to Mr. J. C. Lawrence, a London R.A., who has been staying at Nice with his wife.

Lawrence went out yesterday to buy some tobacco and when he did not return it was thought he might have been overcome by a nervous attack to which he was subjected and entered the sea.

Mrs. Lawrence, when she learned of the finding of the clothing, collapsed and was taken to hospital suffering from a heart attack.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 29th Oct., 1930.

STOCK	Buy- ers	Sell- ers	Sal-	Nom	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid	
Banks.							
Hong Kong Bank	\$ 1645	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930 Oct. 1929—\$4.40	Aug. 11, 30
Chartered Bank	...	...	...	17 1/2	Dec.	Interim 7% free 1/2 a/c 1930	Sep. — 30
Mercantile Bk., A.B. & C.	...	...	...	28 1/2	Dec.	Int. 5% a/c 1930 less 1/2 a/c	Sep. — 30
Bank of Asia	\$ 111	...	...	...	Dec.	8% for 1929	Feb. 25, 30
Insurance.							
Canton Ins.	\$ 1085	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 4 1/2 for 1929 Interim 4 1/2 a/c 1930	May 16, 30
Union Ins.	\$ 449 1/2	447 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Final 1 1/2 for 1929 Interim 1 1/2 a/c 1930	May 30, 30
China Underwriters ..	\$ 280	280	...	...	Dec.	None	...
China Fire Ins.	\$ 400	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 bonus 5% for 1929	May 30, 30
H. K. Fire Ins.	\$ 1085	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 8 1/2 a/c 1929 a/c 1929	Mar. 26, 30
Shipping.							
Douglas	\$	27 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	...
H. K. Steamboats	\$ 20	20 1/2	...	...	Dec.	8 1/2 for 1929 (12% ex. 2 1/2 on preferred for 1924 and 1925)	Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Pref.) ..	\$	...	...	40	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 (Interim 1% free 1/2 a/c 1930)	June 19, 30
(Def.)	\$	...	...	30	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	...
Shell Transport	\$	...	...	88 1/2	Dec.	1 1/2 a/c 1930	July 5, 30
Union Waterboats ..	\$ 321	...	...	...	Dec.	8 1/2 for 1929	Mar. 10, 30
Mining.							
Benguet	\$	...	...	370	Dec.	Interim 10 bonus 5% making 50 cents a/c 1930	Sept. 30, 30
Kailan Mining Ad. s/	...	...	...	37 1/2	June	Interim 1% free 1/2 a/c 1930 (Coupon No. 37 for year 30-3-30)	June — 30
Langkat	...	...	...	8 1/2	Oct.	T. 0.50 for year 30-10-30	May 8, 30
Shai Exploration	...	1.80	...	...	Dec.	None	...
Loans	\$ 6 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim T. 0.33 a/c 1930	July 1, 30
Raubs	\$	24	...	...	Mar.	(First interim 1 1/2% a/c year 30-3-30)	Sep. 26, 30
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & S. Wharves ..	\$ 169 1/2	...	163	...	Dec.	8% for 1929	Mar. 18, 30
H. K. & W. Docks ..	...	...	...	92	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	...
China Provident (old)	\$ 5.85	5.40	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	...
(new)	\$ 5.25	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim T. 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Sep. 12, 30
Hongkew	...	...	...	285	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1929	Feb. 25, 30
N. Engineering	...	...	...	7.80	Dec.	T. 7 for year 30-4-30	July 30, 30
Shanghai Docks	...	122	...	...	Apr.	T. 7 for year 30-4-30	July 30, 30
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.							
H. K. & S. Hotels ..	\$ 1160	...	...	...	Dec.	50 cents for 1929	Apr. 7, 30
H.K. Lands (old) ..	\$ 79	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Aug. 8, 30
(new)	\$ 76 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1930	Aug. 8, 30
Rights	\$ 142	14 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Interim T. 2 1/2 a/c 1930	July 31, 30
Shanghai Lands	...	900	...	...	Dec.	80 cents for 1929	May 7, 30
Humphreys	...	...	...	10	Dec.	Interim 20 cents a/c 1930	Sep. 4, 30
H. K. Realities	\$ 8.85	...	...	...	Dec.	8% for year 30-3-30	July 31, 30
Chinese Estates	\$ 87	...	...	...	Feb.	...	...
Cotton Mills.							
Ewo Cottons	...	12 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Final T. 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Mar. 11, 30
Shanghai Cotton	...	...	...	92	Apr.	(T. 2 1/2% old) for half year (T. 2 1/2% new) 30-4-30	May 28, 30
Zoong Sings	...	...	...	10 1/2	June	T. 0.50 for year 30-6-30	Pending
Public Utilities.							
H. K. Tramways	\$ 18	...	18	...	Dec.	Interim 40 cents a/c 1930	Aug. 27, 30
Peak Trams (old) ..	\$ 18.80	...	...	...	Apr.	30 cts. on old for year (40 cts. on new) 30-4-30	June 10, 30
(new)	\$ 6.60	...	...	...	Apr.	8% for 1929	Feb. 14, 30
Star Ferry	\$ 81	...	...	...	Dec.	Int. 25 cts. a/c 1930-30-30	May 12, 30
China Light (old) ..	\$ 56 1/2	...	56 1/2	...	Sept.	Int. 25 cts. a/c 1930-30-30	Mar. 12, 30
(new)	\$ 25 1/2	...	...	...	Sept.	25.00 for 1929	...
H. K. Electric	\$ 70 1/2	...	...	23	Dec.	None	...
Macao	...	...	...	23	June	None	...
Sandakan Lights	\$	...	11 1/2	...	Dec.	Int. (40 cents) a/c 1930	Aug. 1, 30
H.K. Tels. fully paid	\$ 24	...	88 1/2	...	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1929	Feb. 25, 30
part paid	\$ 82	...	...	...	Dec.	(1/2% on preference shares Subject to income tax.)	Feb. 6, 30
China Buses	...	...	18 1/2	...	Dec.	...	...
S'port Tractors (Ord.)	\$ 7/9	...	...	19 1/2	Sept.	...	...
(Pref.)	...	...	...	...	Sept.	...	...
Industrials.							
China Sugars	\$ 70 cts.	...	...	...	Dec.	In Liquidation.	...
Malacca Sugars	...	...	...	27	Dec.	Int. 3% for 1929	Apr. 11, 30
Cald. Mag. Ord.	...	...	10 1/2	...	Dec.	(T. 0.50 Int. 0.44%) 7 months 1929	Apr. 30, 30
Pref.	...	...	...	10.40	July	None	...
Canton Ice	...	...	8	...	July	None	...
Cement (old)	\$ 47.00	...	...	...	Dec.	25 cents on old (40 cents on new) for 1929	Mar. 14, 30
(new)	\$ 12 1/2	...	...	5.20	Dec.	...	...
H. K. Ropes	\$ 10.60	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	...
United Asbestos	\$	...	...	5	...	...	...
Stores, &c.							
Dairy Farms C/R	\$ 28.00	...	...	...	Dec.	\$1.00 for 1929	Mar. 14, 30
X/R	\$ 24.80	...	...	...	Dec.	...	...
Rights	\$ 9.40	...	9 1/2	...	Oct.	70 cents for year 30-10-30	Mar. 31, 30
Watsons	\$ 12	...	...	...	Oct.	...	...
De A Wings	...	...	...	1	...	Last dividend for year 30-3-30	...
Lane Crawfords	\$	...	...	3.88	Feb.	8% for year 30-3-30	May 15, 30
Mackintosh	\$ 19	...	...	...	Feb.	...	...
Sincere	...	...	...	11.00	...	...	...
Wm. Powells	...	...	...	3.80 1/2	Feb.	25 cents for year 30-3-30	June 10, 30
Miscellaneous.							
H.K. Amusement	\$	...	...	28	Mar.	(\$2.00 on Preferred for year \$1.50 on Deferred) 30-4-30	Sept. 27, 30
Ch. Entertainment ..	\$ 10 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	None	...
H. K. Contructions ..	\$ 9.70	...	...	...	Dec.	None	...
B. Ind. C. & Bonds ..	64%	...	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Govt. Loans ..	6%	...	...	...	...	Interest half yearly.	...

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summer school at Welwyn by
Prof. A. E. Heath, Professor of
Philosophy at the University of
Wales, who went on to explain
that the first thing that went was
that marvellous achievement of
the human race, and human crea-
tures' alone, self-criticism.

That was why a glass of wine
had social consequences in remov-
ing the tightness with which we
held ourselves in.

We were, therefore, probably a
better partner at dinner than if
we gloomily sat as the Yorkshire
man said, "Hearing all and say-
ing nowt."

But if the experiment was con-
tinued the next thing that would
go was criticism of others. That
was why one could listen to the
most extraordinary nonsense in
the way of after-dinner speeches.

Professor Heath added that if
the experiment was continued
various faculties would go until
one could still see and move, but
was rather doubtful about where
one's glass was; and finally, the
co-ordinating movements of the
eyes went and one "saw double."
In the last phase of all one was
"blind."

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6-630 p.m.—Chinese Children's
Programme.

7 p.m.—European Programme
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Orchestra—
"What'll I do" (1937/6).

Song—
"Stop your 'Ticklin' Jock,
She is my Rosie,
Harry Lauder (4021).

Song—
"I can't sleep in the movies" any
more.
Serg. Flagg & Serg. Quirt
(22150).

Banjo Solo—
"Me and My Shadow,
Eddie Peabody (20699).

Comedian with Ukulele—
"Get Away Old Men, Get Away."
(20137).

Humorous—
"Mummy's Mammy,
In That Village Down the Valley,
Lennie Savory (2472).

Sketch—
"The Stocking,"
John Henry and Blossom
(2393).

Humorous—
"The Roast Beef of Old England,
Ernest Hastings (2481).

Song—
"She has a Little Dimple on Her
Chin,
Who cares anyhow,
Happiness Boys (22087).

Humorous—
"The Drage Way,
Norman Long (2257).

8 p.m.—Old Favourites.
A Concert.

Overture—
"1812 (Tchaikovsky),
Royal Opera Orchestra
(9929).

Song—
"Little Gray Home in the West,
Mary Lewis, Soprano (1140).

Steel Guitar Solo—
"The Rosary,
Sam Ko West (21647).

Song—
"Where my Caravan has Rested,
Lambert Murphy, Tenor
(4038).

Violin Solo—
"Mighty Lak' a Rose (Nevin),
Fritz Kreisler (1920).

Song—
"The Bells of St. Mary's,
Frances Alda, Soprano
(1176).

Violoncello Solo—
"Le Cygne (Saint-Saens),
Pablo Casals (1143).

Song—
"Roses of Picardy,
John McCormack, Tenor
(1321).

Organ Solo—
"Because," Jessie Crawford (20664).

Song—
"Loye's Old Sweet Song,
Amelita Galli-Curci, Soprano
(1419).

Instrumental Trio—
"A Perfect Day,
Victrola Trio (1937/4).

Song—
"A Brown Bird Singing,
John McCormack, Tenor
(1187).

8 p.m.—Weather Report, Local
Time and Press.
9.05 p.m.—Dance Programme.
1. Fox Trot, College Sam.
2. Fox Trot, Bladdy.
3. Waltz, Molly.
4. Fox Trot, Dirty Boots.
5. Fox Trot, Chant of the Temple.
6. Slow Fox Trot, Crying for the
Crocodile.
7. Fox Trot, Eleven Thirty Eight.

AN AMERICAN-BORN
CHINESE IDEAS.

Credo of Foreign
Correspondents.

Writing from Chicago for the
American-owned China Weekly Re-
view in Chicago, Art Yun, an
American-born Chinese, presents an
apparently half-serious, half-burles-
que "credo of the foreign-corres-
pondent working in China." It
follows:

"That every civil war in China is
the worst since the downfall of the
Manchu dynasty.

"That stories which do not con-
cern famine, war and banditry are
not worth cabling.

"That the communist scare angle
must be worked in wherever possible
so as to make the headlines.

"That if a foreigner shoots a Chi-
nese it is not news, but if a Chinese
shoots a foreigner it is worth
columns of front page space.

"That the missionaries are head-
lines only when they are kidnapped,
or their mission burned, seized or
looted.

"That Japanese news dispatches
are accurate and reliable, and there-
fore, worth cabling.

"That it is safe to say foreign
lives are endangered in every look-
ing of a town."

To this correspondent, a Far East
resident since 1923, the foregoing
suggests several comments:

While Chinese civil wars are un-
doubtedly "played up" by foreign
correspondents, most of us have
lived here a sufficient time to have
gained some sense of proportion.

Headline writers at home often tend
to handle sober dispatches sensation-
ally, while in times of slack news at
home, newspapers with special cor-
respondents in China occasionally
order—to quote one such cablegram
of instruction—"battle stories with
lots of killings."

While China's troubles do and
must command a great deal of at-
tention from correspondents, con-
structive plans for finance, road-
building, railways, aeroplane lines
and relief work have been cabled
home as fully as they could be
obtained.

Special interest has attached to
the question of communism but
China's experiences at the hands
of "communist-bandits" have not
received anything like the publicity
which would have been given had
as much disorder in any other major
country of the world.

Instances of foreigners shooting
Chinese, save in defence, are less
numerous than those of Chinese
shooting foreigners. It is natural
that the foreign Press wants to
learn about it when foreigners are
shot. When foreigners shoot Chi-
nese in such an episode as the
famous "Nanking Road affair" in
Shanghai in 1925, it decidedly is
news from any standpoint, and it is
so treated by foreign correspondent
and Press.

Missionaries figure in the news in
many ways other than as victims.
One of the longest stories cabled
from China this year was a mis-
sionaries' description of famine con-
ditions he had observed—and the story
was directly calculated to bring
sympathy with and help for the
Chinese.

Japanese consular officials are
numerous and efficient in gathering
China news; the Japanese
Delegation in Peking is there-
fore a good news source.
Japanese news agencies and
newspapers have a considerable
news-gathering network in China,
but foreign correspondents handle
their reports with some reserve.

Foreign correspondents do not
say that foreign lives are endan-
gered whenever any Chinese town
anywhere is looted. If there are
foreigners in such a town, and no
gunboats are near, experience has
shown that their lives usually may
be considered in danger—along with
those of the Chinese inhabitants as
well.—United Press.

ST. JANUARIUS' ANNIVERSARY.

The Miracle Of A Saint's
Blood.

Naples, Sept. 20.

Thousands of faithful followers
yesterday witnessed the traditional
miracle of the liquefying of the
blood of St. Januarius which is said
to occur on the anniversary of his
martyrdom, when his blood was
collected in two phials, in which it
has been preserved ever since.

The service began at eight in
the morning, the bishops reciting
their offices, while the cries of the
multitude resounded in the cathed-
ral, invoking the miracle. The
blood, liquefied at 3.45, and amid
the joyful songs of thanksgiving
the saint's image was carried
round the church, among the
kneeling throng.

The miracle is supposed never to
fail, and is one of the most impor-
tant of the religious festivals of
the city.

The service was presided over by
the Archbishop, who, after the
reading of the Gospel, said: "I must
go."

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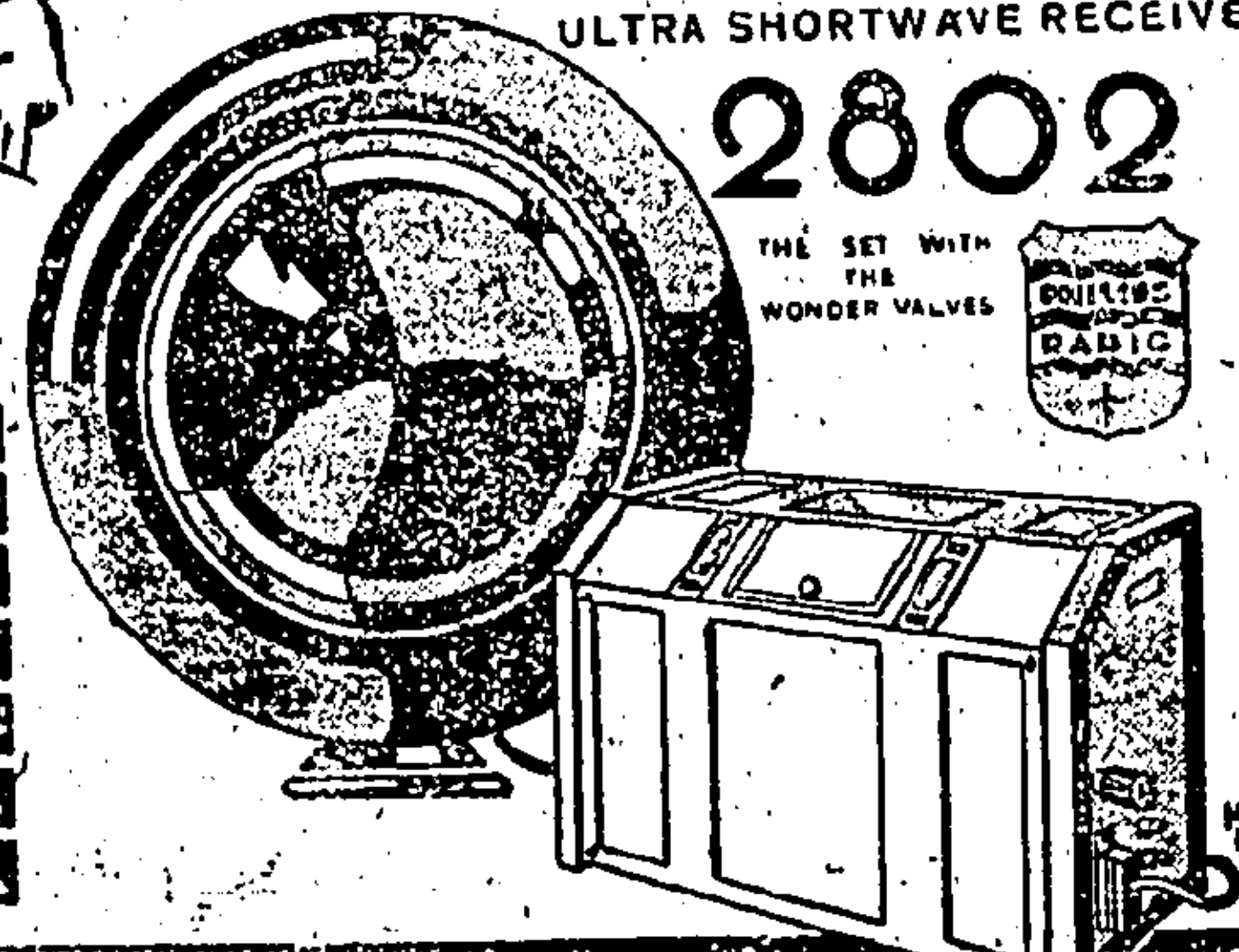
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COOK CHARGED.

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Arrested on board a steamer
which was bound for France, a
Frenchman named P. Londiche, em-
ployed as pastry cook at the Capitol
Restaurant, faced a charge of theft
before Mr. C. Wilson, the Singapore
Criminal District Judge.

The allegations against Londiche
are that he stole a quantity of
cutlery and chocolates and other
sweetmeats prior to leaving the
Capitol Restaurant. Mr. Johannes
appeared for the accused and Chief
Court Inspector Meredith conducted
the case for the Crown.

Mr. S. Brown, manager of the
Restaurant, stated in the course of
his evidence that Londiche's work
was not very satisfactory and he was
paid off on September 30. The same
day a Chinese cook told him that he
had seen Londiche removing certain
articles from the cupboard contain-
ing silverware. Witness said he
conveyed this information to Mr.
J. Fisher, the director, who in-
structed him to lay information
against Londiche. The accused was
subsequently brought ashore from a
ship bound for France.

Following the evidence of Ah
Yow, the cook, Mr. J. Darlton, the
Capitol Theatre projectionist said
that he went to Johnson's Pier on
the day Londiche was leaving to take
delivery of a car and Londiche gave
him a box of chocolates.

The further hearing was ad-
journd.

AGENCIES IN EAST.

IMPORTANT BASRA COURT
RULING.

Bagdad, Sept. 28.

The Basra Court recently fined
the Motor Union Insurance Com-
pany \$1,000, and their local agents
the same amount, because the Motor
Union Insurance Company was not
registered under the Iraq Com-
panies Act. The decision has now
been reversed by the Bagdad Court
of Sessions on the ground that the
agents' office does not constitute "a
place of business" within the mean-
ing of the Act. The decision is re-
garded as of great importance to
all companies trading in the East,
the section of the Act under which
the Company was presented being
similar to the provisions of the
Indian Companies Act and identi-
cal with Section 344 of the Eng-
lish Companies Act.

Hamas: "What's going already
in the East? And now you take your
time to say 'I must go'."

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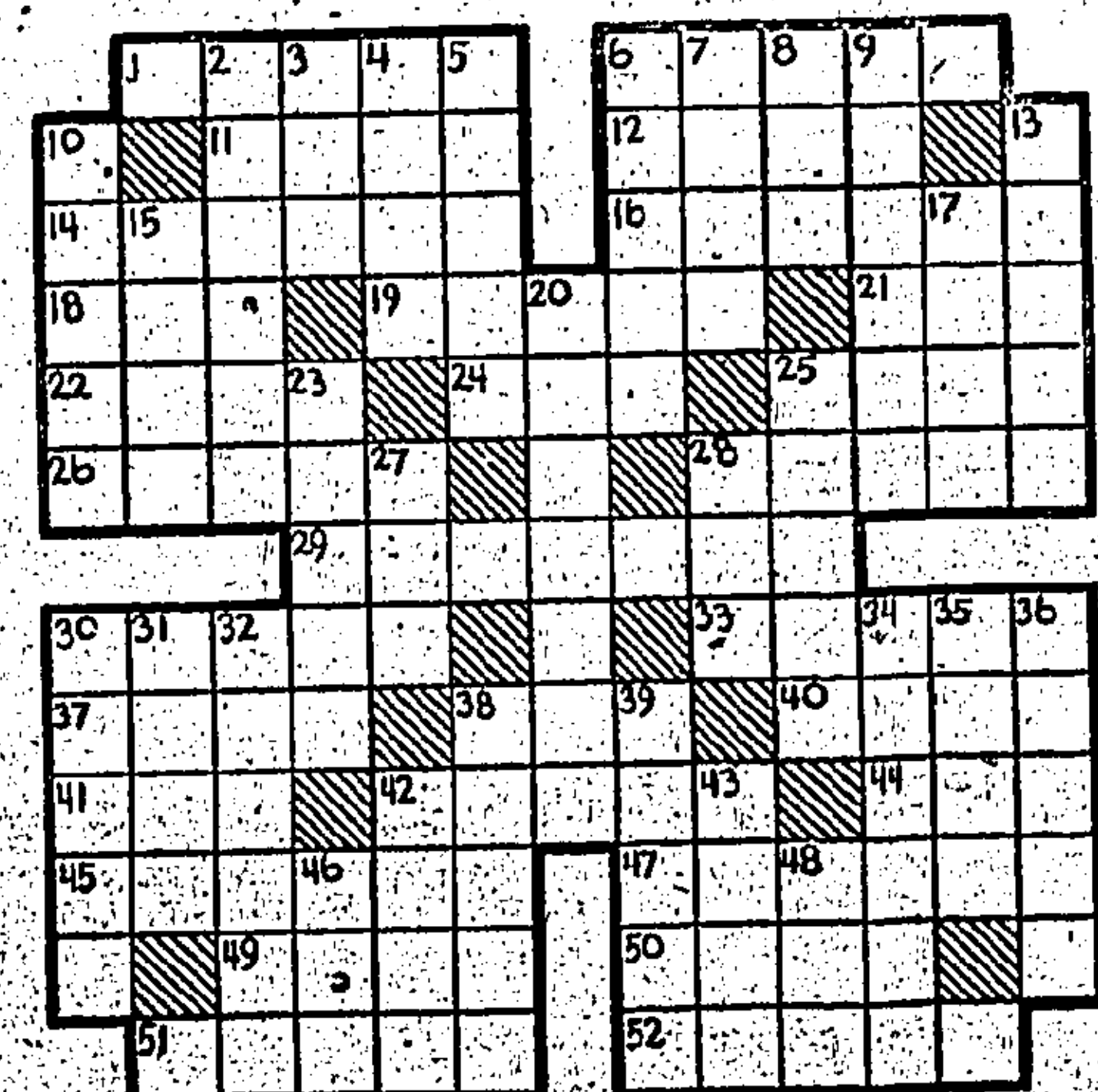
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

1-A dress
8-Plaque
13-Cluck
14-Free from fat
15-A promontory in S.
Italy
16-A flower (pl.)
18-Suffix used to de-
note an agent
19-Turn
20-1002 (Roman)
21-A fly alance
22-Used in negation
23-Division in Roman
provinces, British
India
24-Blander
25-Plaque
26-Talkative
27-French revolution-
ary leader, killed
by Charles Cor-
ray
28-A suffix with top

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

27-Ireland (poet.)
38-Insect
40-A branch of the
Amazon river
41-Material with a
corded surface
42-A American buff
43-Fifty-two (Roman)
45-Knocked
47-Pathways
48-Tardy
50-A small plum
51-An evergreen tree
52-Canvas shades

VERTICAL

2-Dynasty of blood
10-Were a cheerful
aspect
19-On the line
16-A river in Bohemia
17-A circular head
20-Native of Iowa
23-Native of Rome
25-Trip
27-Nocturnal
28-Trip
30-Trip
31-An open space
32-A wisp
34-A small mean bed
35-A large lake
36-Spring fever
38-Taken over the
fire
42-A Greek letter
43-River in E. Africa
44-Tabat
45-A fish

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in
to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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ROUND THE CINEMAS

"ROGUE SONG" AT THE
QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Lawrence Tibbett, who makes his debut in talking pictures in "The Rogue Song," Lionel Barrymore's all-colour singing, talking Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer drama at the Queen's Theatre, is the first American to reach supremacy in the field of grand opera. He is known as the world's greatest living baritone. Tibbett was born in Bakersfield, Cal., the son of the sheriff of Kern County. While in high school his voice was discovered by Joseph Depuy, and led to his stardom in the Metropolitan Opera House. He is also known as one of the greatest actors on the operatic stage.

"JOURNEY'S END."

If ever a film version of a stage classic required sincerity and fidelity, "Journey's End," the Tiffany-Gainsborough all-talking version of R. C. Sheriff's famous stage play current at the Central Theatre, has required it. George Pearson, who travelled from London to Hollywood to supervise the production, carried his quest for sincerity into the selection of the Company's entire personnel. Actual war experience, preferably in the War, was considered one of the most desirable attributes that a player or staff worker could possess. As a result, no important member of the cast or staff, and no front-line extra in the trenches could fail to understand and feel the spirit that pervades the story.

James Whale, who directed "Journey's End," saw five years' war service and was held prisoner by the Germans for two years. Colonel Magee, technical and research adviser, has a total of seventeen years army experience to his credit. Colin Clive, original "Captain Stanhope" of the Prince of Wales Theatre company and loaned to Tiffany to create the part on the screen, was too young to have seen actual-war service, but, in spite of his youth; he was a cadet at Sandhurst, awaiting his chance to be called to the colours.

"Journey's End" will be shown for the last time to-day.

"CUCKOOS."

Songs from "The Cuckoos," RKO's musical laugh hit coming to the Central Theatre to-morrow, captured the fancy of virtually every star on the studio lot when the picture was being filmed.

Ten catchy song numbers were presented in this special production, four of which were written especially for the screen version of the play. The other six numbers were used in the footlight presentation of the original story called "The Ramblers."

"Wherever You Are," "I'm a Gypsy," "I Love You So Much," and "Laugh To-day and Cry To-morrow," are the new screen numbers. All were written by Harry Ruby.

There was much discussion on the RKO lot as to which song would become the most popular.

Bebe Daniels insisted that "I Love You So Much" would take the country by storm.

Richard Dix claimed "Wherever You Are" was the best tune of them all.

Betty Compson thought "Laugh To-day and Cry To-morrow" ranked first.

Dorothy Lee, featured player in the picture, preferred "I'm a Gypsy," which was natural as she plays a gypsy maiden.

"The Cuckoos" is claimed to be "the laugh-a-minute" picture, with some of the funniest scenes ever flashed on the audible screen.

25% FILM TAX.

U.S. PICTURES BOYCOTT IN
NEW ZEALAND.

After a week of rumours of wrangling, the agents of the American film corporations were definitely instructed in mail week to cease looking new films as a protest against the new tax of 25 per cent. of the gross profits, says a report from Wellington (N.Z.). Existing contracts are being fulfilled.

The New Zealand picture industry employs 85,000 workers in 500 theatres, and is dependent on a totally inadequate supply of British and Continental pictures.

The Minister for Internal Affairs, Mr. de la Parolle, informed the representatives of the exhibitors that the Government will not climb down for since the introduction of talkies the producers' profits have increased enormously, and it was only fair that the picture business should pay its share of the national debt. The Minister added that it would be a pity if the industry were to be boycotted by the Government.

STAGE GIRLS.

HALF OF ONE PER CENT.
DECENTLY DRESSED.

(By Hon. Fred H. Davis, Attorney-General of Florida.)

I regret that my continued absence from Tallahassee on important court engagements has prevented my giving you an earlier reply to your letter of the 12th inst., in which you request my opinion as to the legality of the display of a certain advertising poster upon which placard is depicted four chorus girls performing a high kicking dance, clad in meagre bodices and short bloomers, midway of which an attendant fringe of some fluffy silken material, probably intended to serve as a skirt, but which signally fails of its purpose, thereby exposing to public view the lower half of each female anatomy involved, with the exception of that small portion thereof which is afforded virtually inadequate concealment by the daring brevity of the bloomers worn.

The statutes of Florida punish the public exhibition of any picture or thing containing any obscene figure or description manifestly tending to the corruption of the morals of youth under penalty of imprisonment in the state prison for five years, and the pictures themselves are subject to confiscation. Sections 7681, 7582, Comp Laws 1927: Anno. sections 5438, 5439, R. G. S., 1920.

Of essential importance to a decision of the question I am called upon to answer, is a determination of whether or not the picture complained of "manifestly tends to the corruption of the morals of youth." In deciding the matter it must be borne in mind that the "morals of youth" referred to in the statute are the prevailing standards of human conduct countenanced by contemporary society's approving opinion.

It is not so difficult to determine what conduct of present day youth is regarded by prevailing public opinion as being modernistically moral. The real difficulty lies in trying to ascertain just how shocking one's conduct must become in order for it to be regarded by authoritative opinion as being contrary to good morals as currently understood.

A casual view of the passers-by on our streets, of the pictures on our best magazine covers, of the sight of actresses and actors on the stage and in the movies, and of even our church and social leaders among women, will unquestionably impress one that this is the day of excessively abbreviated skirts, affording what may be regarded by some as being a too generous and unobstructed view of the major portion of the lower anatomy of the twentieth century female. Few of the masculine sex are now so inexperienced or unsophisticated as to be admittedly perturbed by the panorama of varying styles in feminine wearing apparel (or lack of it) which would have undoubtedly furnished a rude spiritual jolt to the perspective of our forefathers.

Whatever has been the change in the habits and customs of our good sisters of the opposite sex, they have not been brought about without violent protest from venerable and conscientious members of the male gender, who have viewed these innovations with trepidation and misgivings.

Thus, as far back as the days of the Prophet Isaiah, we find in the Holy Bible a bitter denunciation of the conduct and dress of the progressive female of that day, who evidently insisted, as woman does now, on designing and wearing attire not approved by the elderly prophet: "Jerusalem is ruined and Judah is fallen. The daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched-forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet." Isaiah, chapter III, verses 8 and 16.

MASTERS OF NONSENSE.



Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey discover something to go wild about in Radio Pictures' extravaganza "The Cuckoos."

STAGE HARD HIT BY
TALKIES.No Touring Companies
in India.

Calcutta, Sept. 18.
The New Empire Theatre is going over to the talkies.

This step has been taken only after grave consideration, and has been prompted by the fact that for the past twelve months theatrical companies visiting Calcutta have been meeting with small success. Companies that have got out of India without actual loss have been fortunate.

The Carl Rosa Opera Co. were left stranded in Bombay; Dick Norton, who has been coming to India for at least ten years, has lost money and has now gone to South Africa, where he is doing extremely well; Betty's "Follies of 1930" managed to set out for Rome with out actual loss after a curtailed tour of twelve months; and Nicole and Chetale, the magicians, had by no means a happy time here.

Musical Comedy Lovers.
Of the bigger interest, Mr. Wood-Barnard's musical comedy venture, "The Merry Widow," has been a failure, and is now abandoned. Plans for bringing a new "Follies" company to Calcutta have also been abandoned. The "Follies" company, which was to have been the first of its kind in India, has now been abandoned.

ACTOR COLLAPSES.

DEATH OF MR. MILTON
SILLS.

Los Angeles, Sept. 15.
Milton Silks, the motion picture actor, died suddenly here to-day.

He collapsed while playing tennis with his wife at their home and died a few minutes later. Death was attributed to heart disease. The actor was a comparatively young man, being only 43 years old.

Sills began his theatrical career on the legitimate stage, making his debut in "Hops Thorne" at New Palestine, Ohio, in 1906. He rose rapidly and was playing leading roles in New York a few years later. Plays in which he appeared included "The Servant in the House," "Diplomacy," "The Rack," "The Governor's Lady" and "The Law of the Land."

He did his first screen work in 1914 when he appeared in "The Pick of the Saxe" in which he took leading roles. He played "Ben-Hur" in "The Great Moment," "As Man Desires," "The Sea Hawk," "The Knockout," "Mammy," "The Hard-Boiled Highway," and "The Great Moment."

ENGLAND MORE
SOBER.Fewer Convictions for
Drunkenness.

BUT WALES IS NOT.

Licensing statistics, issued by the Home Office in mail week, show that there were fewer convictions for drunkenness in England and Wales during 1929 than in any year since 1918.

The number of convictions was 51,966 compared with 55,642 in 1928, a decrease of 3,676.

This decrease was confined to England where the fall in the number of convictions was 3,707. In Wales there was an increase of 81. Over half the arrests leading to convictions for drunkenness took place at week-ends—57 per cent. of the total in England and 61 per cent. in Wales.

Sunday accounted for 9 per cent. of arrests in England (excluding Monmouthshire), and Monday for 13 per cent. There is Sunday closing in Wales and Monmouthshire, and the corresponding figures were: Sunday, 4 per cent. Monday, 12 per cent.

The cases of convictions for drunkenness, in which the condition of the convicted person is reported to have been due to the drinking of methylated spirit, decreased from 446 (280 males, 166 females) in 1928 to 409 (288 males, 121 females) in 1929.

Southend's Figures.
The number of persons automatically disqualified from holding a motor driver's licence for twelve months on conviction for being drunk while in charge of a motor vehicle shows a decline.

During the seven months of 1929 the Act was in operation, 804 persons were so convicted. The subsequent convictions have been: 1927, 1,458 convictions (1,433 males, and 5 females); 1928, 1,254 convictions (1,246 males and 8 females); 1929, 1,230 convictions (1,222 males and 8 females).

The drunkenness conviction figures of individual County Borough for 1929 range from 6.3 per cent. of their 1918 figure, in the case of Lincoln, to 112.1 per cent. in the case of Southend-on-Sea. The latter is the only County Borough showing for 1929 a figure exceeding that for 1918. It is pointed out that, in the meantime, Southend's population has greatly increased.

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London, Yesterday.
For the first time in history, a Labour Government has participated in the State opening of Parliament, for in 1924 the Labourites took office after the Conservatives had been defeated on the Address, while last year H.M. the King had not sufficiently recovered from his illness to go to Westminster.

To-day, in full pomp and ceremony their Majesties drove along troop-lined streets from Buckingham Palace to Parliament, the Sovereign's escort of Household Cavalry, guarding the old State Coach.

As their Majesties passed the Royal robing room of the House of Lords in a glittering procession, they were attended by the Duke of Norfolk, aged twenty-two, the hereditary Earl Marshal of England, Mr. Tom Henderson (Comptroller of the Household and formerly a ship's joiner) and Mr. Ben Smith (Treasurer of the Household, who once drove a taxicab in the streets of London).

The King's Speech on the opening of Parliament expressed deep interest in the labours of the Imperial Conference, and earnestly trusts that the Indian Round Table Conference will result in agreed and wise solution of the important questions it will deliberate.

He is very glad to entrust his son, the Duke of Gloucester, with the duty of representing him at the coronation of the Emperor of Ethiopia.

He trusts that a general disarmament convention will shortly be concluded; and points out that the application of the treaty for financial assistance of States which are victims of aggression, recently signed at Geneva, is conditional upon the enforcement of such a convention.

He expresses grave concern at the continuance of heavy unemployment, and refers to the world-wide economic depression and restriction of international trade, which are felt with particular severity by industries especially dependent on export.

Trade Expansion.
The Government will persist in its efforts to develop and extend

DUKE'S JOURNEY.

SAFE ARRIVAL AT ADDIS ABABA.

GIFTS FOR EMPEROR.

Addis Ababa, Yesterday.

After a five hundred mile train journey across French Somaliland and Abyssinia, the Duke of Gloucester has arrived here with his suite to represent King George at the coronation of Ras Tafari on Sunday.

He is the first member of British Royalty to visit Abyssinia; and brings a fine example of the British goldsmiths' work as Britain's gift to the Emperor, also golden swords with jewelled hilts for the Emperor's suite.

The Emperor, Crown Prince and high dignitaries of Church and State as well as Legation representatives, met the Duke at the station. The Abyssinian band played God Save the King, and a guard of honour presented arms. A band of marines from H.M.S. Effingham was stationed on the platform but did not play.

Gatherings of natives at every stopping place of the train journey pressed gifts of native produce on the Royal party.—Reuter.

home, Imperial and foreign trade, and help in the measures leading to greater efficiency in industry. Proposals will be submitted to Parliament for the promotion of increased settlement and employment on the land, and large-scale farming operations, and the acquisition and improvement of agricultural land needing reconditioning; also the organisation of producers for marketing purposes.

The Speech announces the immediate establishment of a commission to enquire into unemployment insurance, particularly allegations of its abuse.

Meanwhile a measure making further financial provision for the Unemployment Fund will be submitted to Parliament; also a measure of electoral reform and measures to secure for the community a share in the site value of land, to raise the age of compulsory school attendance, to amend the Trade Disputes Act, to establish a customers' council, and to ratify the Washington Hours and Safety of Life at Sea Conventions.—Reuter.

FIRM ROBBED BY COOLIE.

Lead Sheet and Cable Ends.

POSITION ABUSED.

A Chinese coolie was to-day charged before Mr. E. H. Williams, in the Central Court, with the larceny of 11 lb. of lead sheet and cable ends, the property of the Hong Kong Telephone Company. He denied the charge.

Mr. W. G. Griffin, of the Telephone Company, identified the stolen property. He said that that was possible by the shape of the metals.

Yau Tsoi-ke, contractor of the Company, said that defendant had been engaged off and on for about two years. He did not give the metal to defendant.

Defendant: I picked it up with the intention of returning it to the stores.

Sub-inspector McWalter informed the Magistrate that the defendant was arrested in Tung Mun Street by a district watchman. He had the lead concealed in a paper parcel. Defendant admitted that he had stolen it from a side-lane near Duddell Street.

Mr. Williams convicted and said that the defendant was in a position of trust and had opportunities to steal. Instead of protecting his master's property he stole it, which made it more serious than if an outsider had taken it. Sentence of two months' hard labour was passed.

FLUNG OVER CLIFF.

THROWN INTO SEA BY MEN IN MOTOR-CAR.

An air mechanic and two boys have reported to the San Sebastian police that they saw three young men drive up in a motor-car to the rocky coast at Piersdel-Mar, near Santander, and throw a girl into the sea. The girl appeared to be unconscious.

The parish priest of a neighbouring village also says he saw the crime.

Search is being made for the girl's body, and efforts are being made to trace the motor-car.

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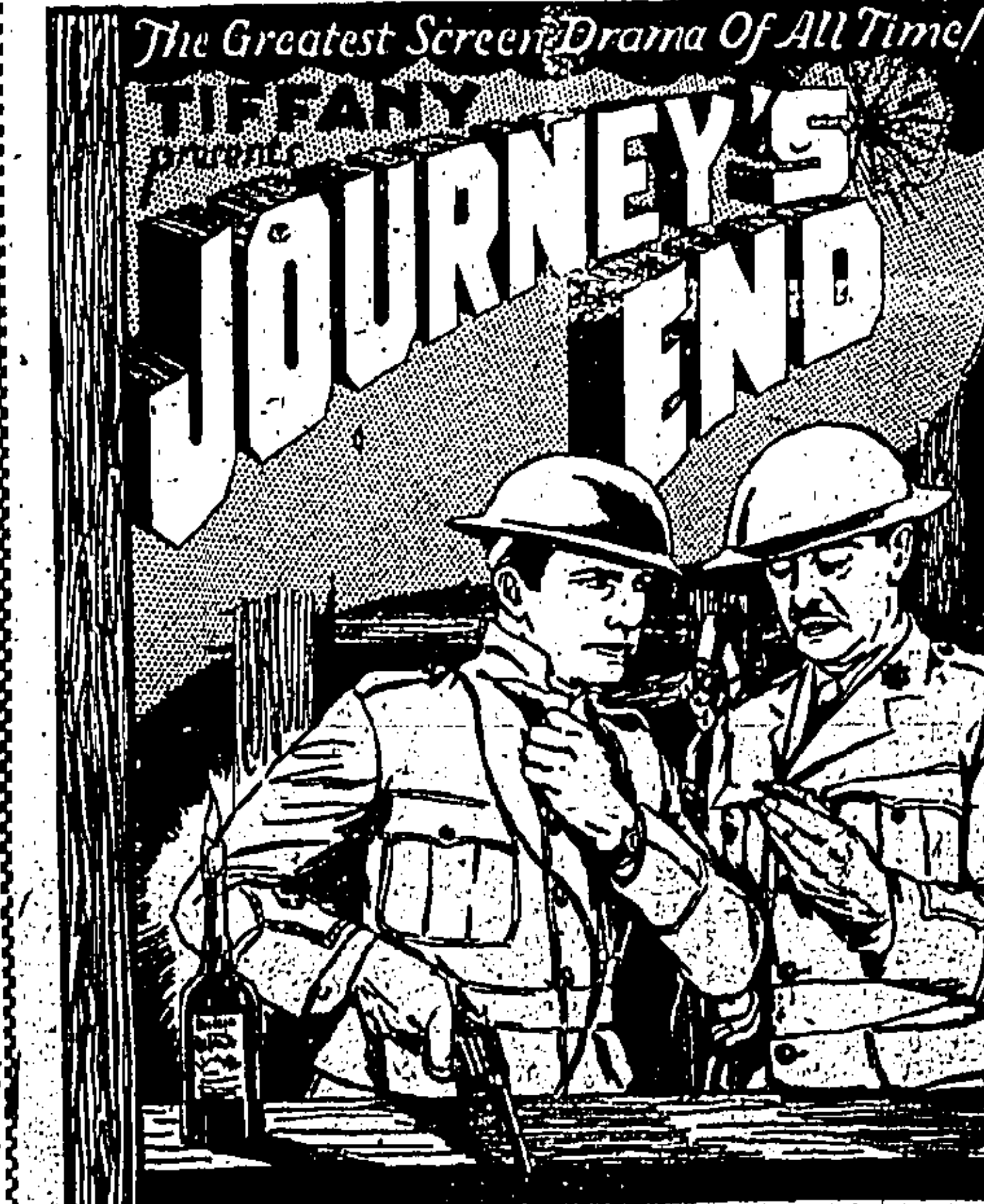


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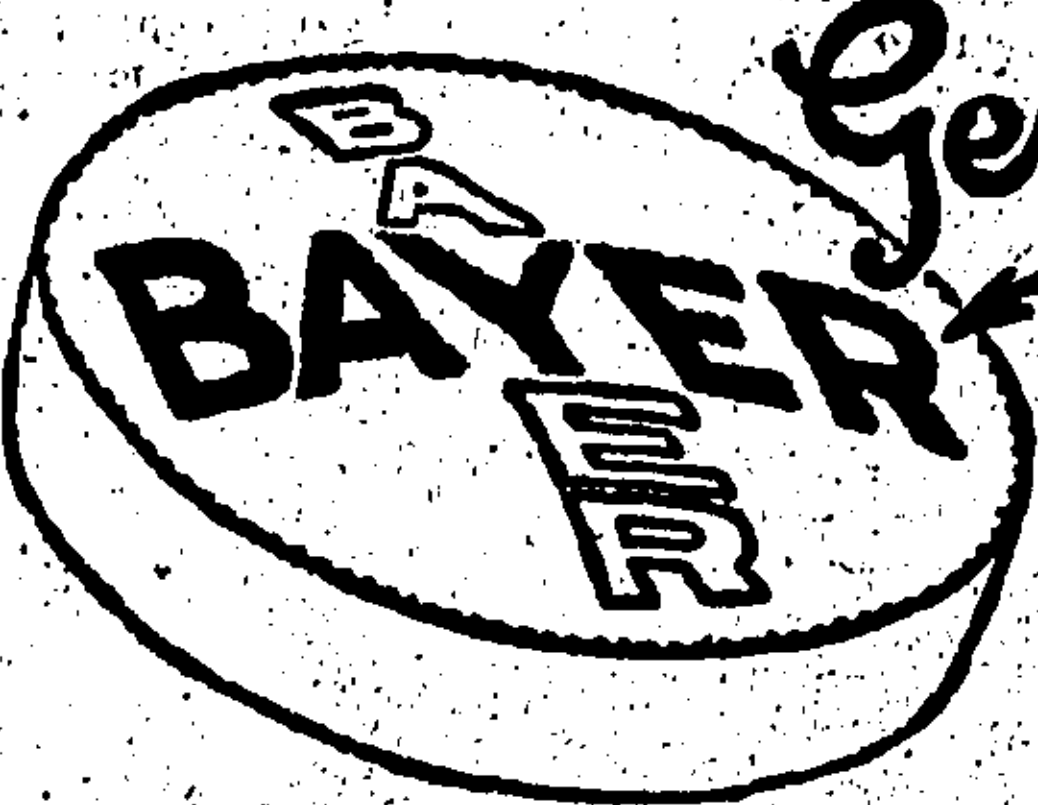
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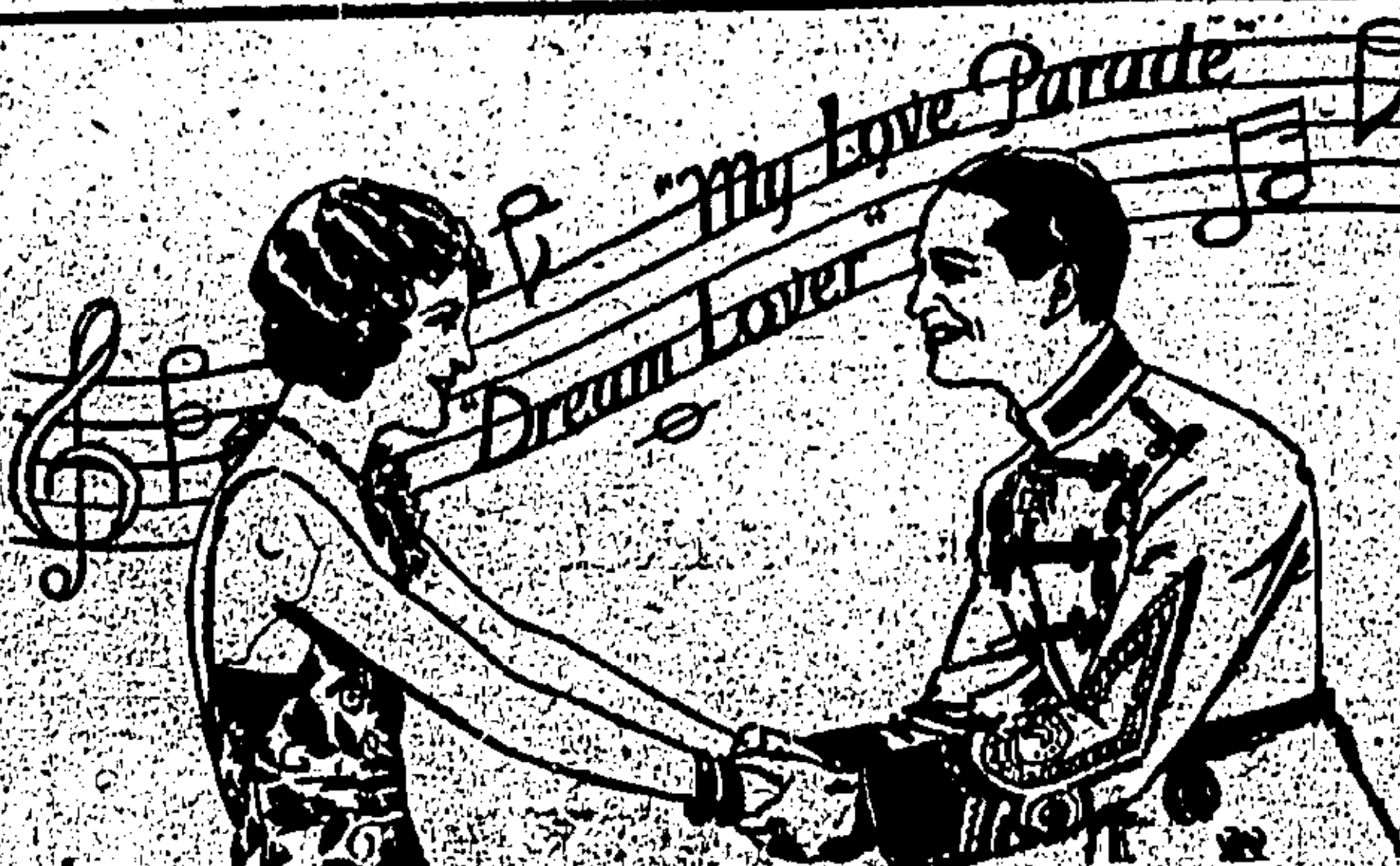
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